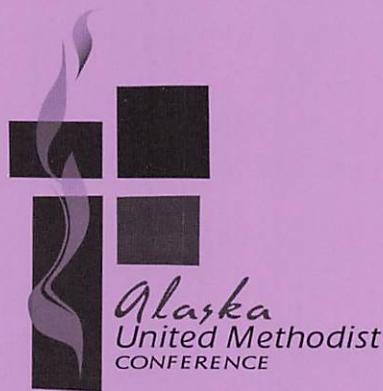


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Barb Amorak (N, ?)	<i>Freda Westman (SE, '10)</i>
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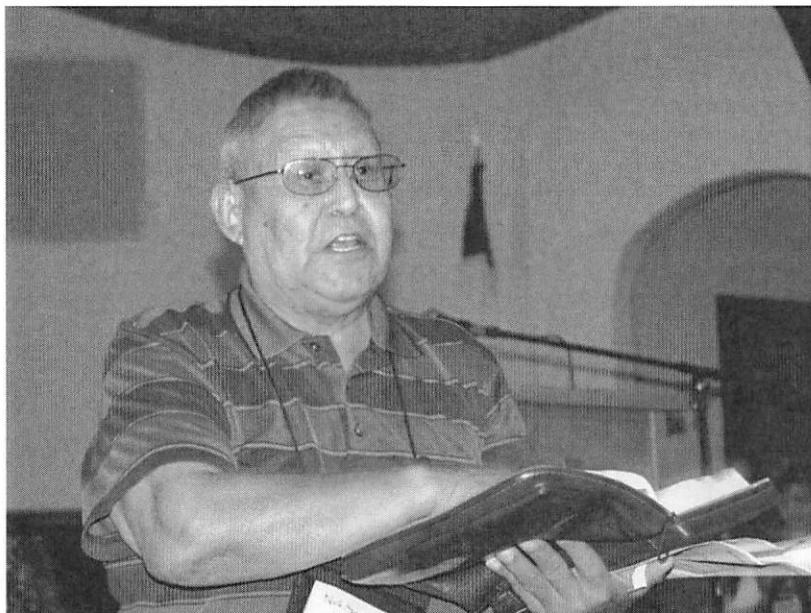


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<i>Luther Oconer (SE, '09)</i>	<i>Bonnie Curtis (SC, '10)</i>

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A. Councils and Units

(Clergy are designated by *italics*)

1. Conference Coordinating Council

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Bishop:	<i>Grant Hagiya</i>
Superintendent:	<i>David Beckett</i>
Conference Treasurer:	<i>Craig Parrish</i>
Director of Connectional Ministries:	<i>Leila Disburg</i>
Chairperson - Regional Program Council Chairpersons:	
Kenai Peninsula:	<i>Charles Martindell</i>
Northern:	<i>Julie Elmore</i>
Southcentral:	<i>Carlo Rapanut</i>
Southeast:	
Administrative Unit Chair:	<i>Nora Ortiz Fredrick</i>
Council on Finance & Administration Chair:	<i>Linda Dunham</i>
Council on Youth and Young Adult Ministries:	<i>Jenny Smith</i>
Native Ministries Chair:	<i>Charles Brower</i>
New Ministries Chair:	<i>Dan Wilcox</i>
Outdoor Ministries Chair:	<i>Von Cawvey</i>
Commission on Archives & History Chair:	<i>Larry Hayden</i>
Professional Ministries Unit:	<i>Karen Martin Tichenor</i>
United Methodist Women:	<i>Julia Smith</i>
United Methodist Men	<i>Charlie Brower</i>
General Boards	
General Board of Higher Education & Ministry:	<i>Lonnie Brooks</i>
Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries:	<i>Jo Anne Hayden</i>
General Board of Discipleship:	
General Commission on Unity and Interreligious Concerns:	<i>Charlie Brower</i>

2. Kenai Peninsula Regional Program Council

Chairperson	<i>Charles Martindell</i>
Vice-Chairperson	<i>Sandy Stark</i>
Secretary	

3. Northern Regional Program Council

Chairperson	<i>Julie Elmore</i>
Vice-Chairperson	<i>Gayle Miller</i>
Secretary	<i>Gayle Miller</i>

4. South Central Regional Program Council

Chairperson	<i>Carlo Rapanut</i>
Vice-Chairperson	<i>Abbe Dunning-Newbury</i>
Secretary	<i>Jon Disburg</i>

5. Southeast Regional Program Council

Chairperson	
Vice-Chairperson	
Secretary	<i>Deborah Gerrish</i>

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<i>David Elmore (N, '08)</i>	<i>Jim Alter (SE, 11)</i>
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Ex-Officio: Conference Superintendent, Conference Treasurer	

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<i>Ron Myers (SC, 11)</i>	<i>David Horning (N, 11)</i>

Ex-Officio: Presiding Bishop, Conference Superintendent, Director of Connectional Ministries, Conference Treasurer

8. Professional Ministries Unit

Chairperson	<i>Karen Martin Tichenor (N, '05)</i>
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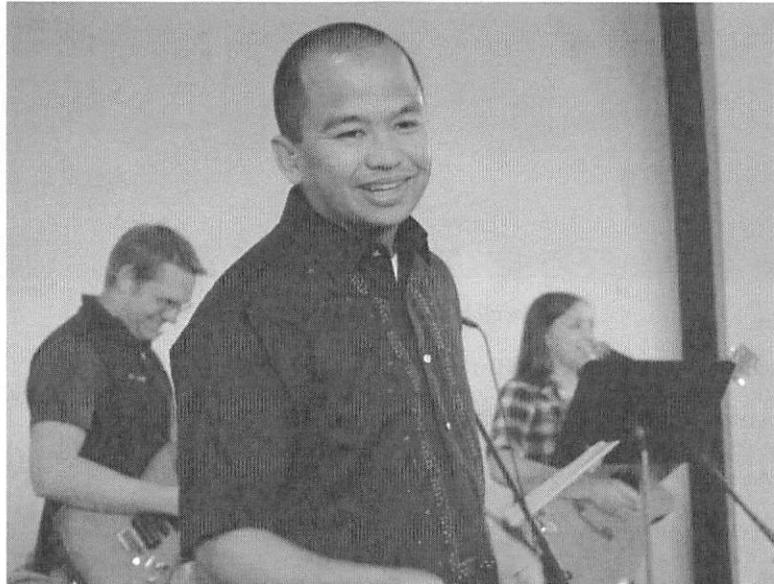


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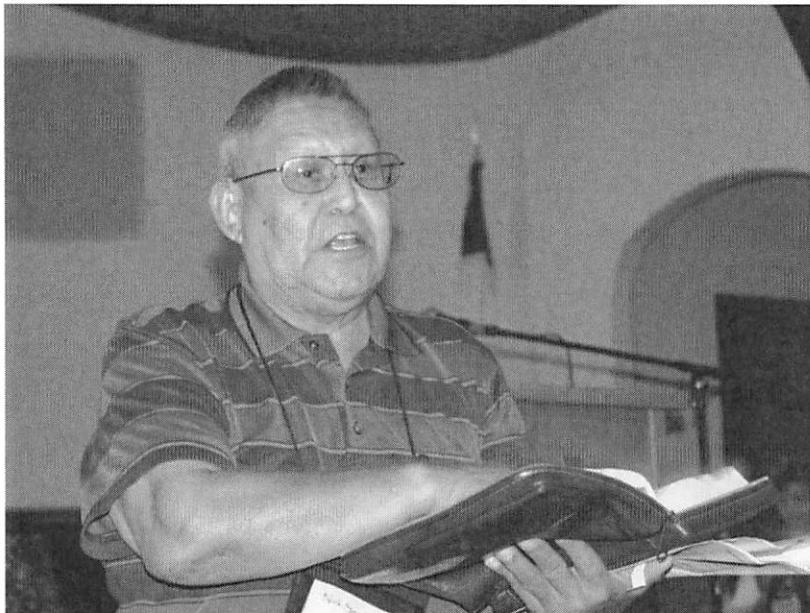


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Staff Resource: Director of Connectional Ministries

5. Disaster Preparedness and Response Committee

Chairperson

Cindy Roberts (SE, '10)

K representative:

N representative *Dan Wilcox (N, '11)*

SC representative: Sandra Woods (SC, '11)

SE representative:

UMVIM Coordinator: Lori Staats

Staff Resource: Director of Connectional Ministries

6. New Ministries Committee

Chairperson

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Lupe Saafi (SC, ?)

Brian Taylor (N, '08)

Luther Oconer (SE, '09)

Julie Elmore (N, '08)

Steve Lambert (SC, '11)

Evelyn Erbele (SE, '08)

Ex-Officio: *Sailitai Maga (SC, ?), Woo Shoung Park (SC, ?), VIM Coordinator, Church & Community Worker*

Staff Resource: Director of Connectional Ministries

7. Outdoor Ministries Committee

Chairperson

Von Cawvey (SC, ?)

Lesa Shaffer (SC, '08)

Marion Gotschall (SE, '07)

Barb Mitchell (SE, '08)

Howard Appel (N, '11)

Jo Ann Schaadt (SC, '09)

Robert Hicks (N, '08)

Kris-Ann Wilcox (N, '09)

Ex officio: Birchwood Camp Director, Hope Retreat Center Board Member,
Eagle River Camp Board Member

Staff Resource: Director of Connectional Ministries

8. Nominations Committee

Chairperson

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Don Gotschall (SE, '09)

Arlene Wood (SC, '04)

Jim Doeppen (SC 11)

Fran Lynch (N, '09)

Kay Shock (K 11)

Ex-Officio: Annual Conference Lay Leader

9. Director of Lay Speaking Ministries

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Leila Disburg

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N Coordinator: Phyllis Sullivan

SE Coordinator: *Evelyn Erbele*

10. Continuing Consultation Committee

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Jim Doeppen

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13. Alaska Christian Conference

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David Fison (SC)

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(Those which need Conference action.)

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Dave Beckett (SC)

Kerry Madden (SC)

2. Nome Community Center

Community UMC pastor

3. United Campus Ministry, Fairbanks

David Moore

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(Those which do not need Conference action.)

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Chairperson

Lori Staats

John Meyn

2. Birchwood Camp

Chairperson

Adam Muhr

3. Eagle River UM Camp Southeast

Chairperson

Robert Chatfield



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Jim LaBau demonstrates the Hippo Water Hauler (left) and Tom Telfter receives a plaque on behalf of Fairbanks First UMC. (below)



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IV. DAILY PROCEEDINGS**A. Minutes****Friday June 3, 2011 – 2:35 p.m.**

Bishop Grant Hagiya called to order the meeting of the fortieth session of the Alaska United Methodist Conference. *And Are We Yet Alive* was sung by the members of the Conference.

Terence Erbele established the bar of the Conference.

Lonnie Brooks reminded the Conference that according to the rules any proposed change to the budget totaling more than \$1,000 must be submitted to the body in writing at least eight hours before any action on the motion.

Craig Parrish presented the budget (see pages 89-94)

The members of the Conference were dismissed to Clergy and Lay Sessions

Plenary Session # 1 – 4:05 p.m.

The candidates for General Conference and Jurisdiction Conference who had submitted their names prior to the Conference were acknowledged. The lay persons were Lonnie Brooks and Jo Anne Hayden. The clergy were Jon Disburg, Peter Perry, Jim Doeppen and Robert Hicks.

The following nominations were made from the floor: Nora Ortiz Frederick(lay), Marie Sweezey (lay), Lori Staats (lay), Leila Disburg (clergy) Kay Shock (clergy).

Ballot #1 results:

Clergy: J. Disburg 5, P. Perry 7, J. Doeppen 3, R. Hicks 1, K. Shock 6, L. Disburg 4
Lay: L. Brooks 13, J. Hayden 12, N. Ortiz Fredrick 3, L Staats 2

Brian Diggs, the manager of the UMCOR West Depot made a presentation.

Denis McCarville, CEO Alaska Children's Services, made a presentation and thanked the Conference for its continued support and prayers.

Ballot #2 results:

Clergy: J Disburg 6, P. Perry 7, J. Doeppen 3, R. Hicks 1, K. Shock 8, L. Disburg 1.
Lay: J Hayden 18, L. Brooks 12

Jo Anne Hayden was declared to be the Lay Delegate to General Conference.

Cindy Roberts and Dan Wilcox made a presentation on disaster preparedness and led small group exercises and discussions.

Ballot # 3 results:

Clergy: J Disburg 6, P. Perry 8, J. Doeppen 2, K. Shock 10
Lay: L. Brooks 21, N. Ortiz Fredrick 9

Lonnie Brooks was declared to be the Alternate Delegate to General Conference.

The members were dismissed for dinner following the singing of a table grace. Proceeds for the dinner were designated to support the Homer Food Pantry.

Plenary Session # 2 – 7:05 p.m.

Kay Shock was determined to be ineligible for election because her retirement status is with the Oklahoma Annual Conference instead of the Alaska Annual Conference.

The nominations were reopened. Evelyn Erbele was nominated.

Ballot # 4 results:

Clergy: J Disburg 7, P. Perry 6, J. Doecken 3, E. Erbele 8

Lay: N. Ortiz Fredrick 21, L. Staats 3, M. Sweezey 1

Nora Ortiz Fredrick was declared the first alternate lay delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

Lay leader address – Lonnie Brooks

MT 28:18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This little text from the end of the work we call the Gospel of Matthew contains the root of the phrase we claim states the mission of The United Methodist Church, which is, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." And I want to explore the text a little bit with you today, although up front we all have to acknowledge that it is so tightly packed with meaning that in one short address from the Lay Leader, we're not going to be able to do a really thorough job of it.

We could spend a whole day on exploring the question of just what it means to be a disciple, and, mind you, that would be time well worth spending. We could explore what it meant to Jesus, to those who heard him, and what it means to us today for Jesus to have used the phrase "of all nations." Does that phrase mean that we should make disciples of some people in each and every nation; does it mean that like Jonah we should expect to be able to convert everybody in a whole city with an eight word sermon? Or does it simply mean that in our evangelistic outreach we should not neglect to make the good news available to people of every status, race, color, national origin, place of residence, gender, and sexual orientation?

And is the heart of the instruction the command to baptize, which in at least one way to understand that sacrament of the Church means to perform a rite which brings people into membership in the Church? Or, on the other hand, is the heart of the instruction the command to teach, and specifically "to teach them to obey?"

Let's take a short side trip down the path of baptism. You will recall that in 1996 General Conference adopted a definitive statement of what the UMC teaches about baptism. That was the culmination of a study that began eight years prior to that in 1988, a study that was scheduled to take four years but was extended for another quadrennium, because the committee realized at essentially the last minute that the core of its paper—which was that baptism, alone, makes one a member of the church at all levels and in all its forms—was going to cause the rejection of the entire report.

What the final report ended up saying is that baptism makes one a baptized member of the church at all levels, but that for one to become a full member of the church eligible to participate in many of its activities, such as service on charge conferences, annual conferences, and General Conference, one had to take the vows of membership for oneself.

Most importantly *By Water and the Spirit* formalized and institutionalized the fact that the initiation rite of the church for discipleship is baptism, and that one of the foundational facts of discipleship is ministry. To be baptized is to become, at least in elemental form, a disciple, and to be a disciple means to be in ministry. When we baptize a person, we provide to

that person, in addition to the indelible characteristic of being a disciple, a certificate that shows that one has been baptized.

Folks, to be a certified lay minister, you don't need any other certificate. If you have or ever did have a certificate of baptism, then you are inescapably laden with the burden as well as the joy of being a minister of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Moving on, let's not forget that any thorough analysis, or exegesis, of this text that is before us would be an examination of what Jesus meant when he said, "Remember, I am with you" emphasizing that in fact he would be with "you" always, to the end of the age. We simply would have to explore what he meant when he said "you," in addition to what he meant by "always" and "to the end of the age."

Well, I want to make a start at this analysis by talking a little bit about the "You." Just to whom was Jesus speaking? From the full context, the part I didn't read to you, it seems clear enough that the first audience was the remaining members of Jesus's circle of twelve disciples, at that point down to eleven. I think it's important to note that some of them were worshiping Jesus, and some were doubters. But, regardless of that difference, Jesus originally addressed them all. And, it might be important to note that there wasn't a priest or any other kind of cleric among them. They were all lay people.

The church has, however, historically interpreted this command not just to have been directed to those original disciples, but according to the apostolic tradition thus established to have been transmitted through the medium of the church to us all, throughout time and to all eternity. I think we can understand that Jesus is talking to us in this story. Jesus means that it really is up to us to bring people into discipleship by our teaching and through the rituals of the Church. And just because you might be lay you're not exempt. If we're lay, we may have surrendered our authority for presiding at the sacramental worship to others, but that doesn't relieve us of the obligation to be evangelists and teachers.

So, I pass on to you what I have received, which is to call on everybody, lay and clergy alike, to remember that we're not primarily called to have meetings but to get up and get going. We've got work to do!

Ballot # 5

Clergy: J. Disburg 7, P. Perry 6, J. Doepken 3, E Erbele 10

Lay: L. Staatz 18, M. Sweezey 8

Lori Staats was declared the second alternate lay delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

Rule change # 1 R2.10 and R 2.20 – carried (see page 97)

Rule change # 2 R.1007 – carried (see page 97)

Rule change # 3 R.1013 – carried (see page 98)

Rule change # 4 R.1015 – carried (see page 98)

Ballot # 6 results:

Clergy: J. Disburg 6, P. Perry 12, J. Doepken 3, E. Erbele 12

Jim LaBau presented the statistics report.

Ballot # 7 results

Clergy: J. Disburg 7, P. Perry 3, J. Doepken 3, E. Erbele 13

General Conference Petition #1, 2, 3 – carried. (see pages 32-33)

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Ballot # 8 results

Clergy: J. Disburg 10, P. Perry 1, J. Doeppken 3, E. Erbele 11

General Conference Petition # 4,5,6 – carried. (see pages 33-34)

Ballot # 9 results

Clergy: J. Disburg 10, P. Perry 1, J. Doeppken 3, E. Erbele 11

Ballot # 10 results:

Clergy: J. Disburg 10, P. Perry 1, J. Doeppken 3, E. Erbele 9

The Plenary Session was concluded following a prayer and a hymn.

Saturday June 4, 2011

Plenary Session # 3 – 9:00 a.m.

Ballot # 11 results:

Clergy: J. Disburg 9, P. Perry 3, J. Doeppken 1, E. Erbele 8

Superintendent's Address by David Beckett:

As Leila and I travel across Alaska to visit our churches there continue to be amazing stories of the winds of the Holy Spirit blowing through our world. Last summer a group of United Methodists from Samoa found a home at East Anchorage which just about doubled the size of the church. A local pastor from Hawaii, Tafa Fulumua, leads their Samoan language service and is the organist and choir director for the English speaking part of the congregation. One of my joys was to participate with Pastor Jon Disburg in baptizing 17 children and adults on one Sunday! We used a lot of water!

You know that our conference mission initiative is clean water. Did you know that the children of First church in Fairbanks raised \$6600 to provide Water Hippo rollers so people can transport water more easily to their homes?

The youth of St. John travelled to South Africa where they worked with students, many orphaned by AIDS, to repair classrooms, add electricity, replace windows and improve the quality of life at the Upper Umvoti School in KwaZulu Natal.

Here's a quick quiz for you. We have two churches designated as mission congregations. Can you name them? Both of these congregations, ministering on the edges of Alaska, have ongoing after-school programs for children. We salute Nome and Unalaska for their commitment to teaching children the stories of our faith.

I could continue at this rate and cite many exciting ministries in each of our churches. And we need to continue to be positive about the amazing things God is doing in and through our churches. But we also need a reality check. My orientation is towards facing reality. My personal mission is to be myself as I really am, in my life situation as it really is, with God as God really is. So let's focus for a moment on a reality our conference needs to face.

This past winter I read a report from Kristina Gonzalez, associate director of connectional ministries of our big sister PNW conference. This was her observation following an assessment process completed by 140 churches in Washington and northern Idaho.

Generally, we United Methodists engage well and effectively in charity work. We provide food, clothing and shelter to those in need. We care for the least in society through direct service or through donations. We are a caring people. What we do less well is to link our programs to our Christian faith in a way that invites – not mandates or manipulates, but invites - engagement of those receiving service through ministry into relationship with Jesus Christ through the United Methodist Church.

We also seem less clear as to how to understand the changing communities in which our churches are located. While we can cite the demographics around our churches, we generally do not know the needs, life stresses or hopes of the people outside of the walls of

church. We generally do not ask for advice as to the place of the United Methodist Church in serving people who do not worship with us currently. In other words, generally, we do not engage our mission field effectively.

Having completed my second round of charge conferences this past year I was struck by the similarities to our churches in Alaska. It was as if Kristina had written this comment about us! Is this our reality?

Statistics do not tell the whole story of what God has done in and through our Alaska churches. But we would be remiss if we did not ask questions about what it means that worship attendance is trending downward, and that 13 churches did not report a single baptism, and 11 churches no professions of faith.

One way of describing our reality is that the wind is being sucked from our sails. Thirty years ago I owned a little foam sailboat and remember well what it was like to be stalled on a hot Georgia lake with little wind. If there is no alternative power source there isn't much option but to drift and wait for the wind.

I am a former science teacher and cannot resist a bit of a science lesson. If you were my kids this is the part where you whine, "Oh no! Not another science lesson!" On the ocean these dead air regions are called the doldrums. For sailors in the past who depended totally on wind propulsion the doldrums could be deadly. What causes the doldrums? Solar radiation from the sun, ironically, the same energy source that causes wind. As sunlight beams down directly on the area around the equator, this heating causes the air to warm and rise straight up rather than blow horizontally. The result is little or no wind, sometimes for weeks on end.

Historically when our United Methodist ship has encountered the doldrums we have invested energy and resources into restructuring ourselves. We have rearranged the deck and tweaked the sails and given the ship a new coat of paint. Our mistake has been that we really thought this would get us moving again. And when a new breeze came our way perhaps we thought it was the new sail or the sleek paint job that made the difference.

The question for Alaskan United Methodists as we face our reality is this. Do we truly want to go where the wind is and experience life and ministry at full speed? Is there a part of us that wants to stay in the doldrums because the wind used to blow here at one time? Is this our comfort zone where we can focus on our caring ministries and our buildings and doing church the way we've done it for many years?

If we agree that we are in the doldrums it makes sense that we do what we can to position ourselves for a new movement of a fresh Spirit wind. Retooling ourselves for the sake of retooling is not our purpose. Retooling for the sake of our mission is absolutely vital.

A transition team is currently working on how we will live into a new reality in 2012 with three annual conferences led by one bishop. Currently Bishop Hagiya is leading a conference restructure task group. We are agreed that we need an Alaska conference structure that is flexible in order to adapt to changing winds. We need to be more nimble with a rudder mechanism that can change course more easily so we can allow the wind of the Spirit to take us where the needs of God's people are. It is our plan to solicit your input this coming year and roll out a new structure at annual conference next year that will coincide with our new Episcopal area that will begin in September of 2012. Task group members are Kris Ann Wilcox, Luther Oconer, Lonnie Brooks, Nora Ortiz Frederick, Leila Disburg, the bishop, and myself.

One of the realities of Alaska that constantly pushes us towards the doldrums is changing population. I know I sound like a broken record, but up to 20% of the population moves in and out every year. A couple of years ago our Aldersgate church experienced three families in key leadership move out of Juneau one summer which resulted in a 30% loss in income. This is a constant reality experienced by all of our churches in Alaska. It is one of the reasons why we need our clergy to stay longer so they can provide stable leadership. It also is the reason we need leadership development plans in our churches. This is a passion of mine and if any church would like to know more about developing lay leadership plans let's talk. We simply must move beyond nominating people for slots to being intentional about developing and expanding our lay leadership base.

Let me say it this way. We need our laity to step forward to share your gifts in more visible ways. We need clergy who are able to equip laity and are willing to let them lead. We need our churches to be more intentional about raising up people in their congregations to discern a call to be pastors and deacons and Lay Speakers and Certified Lay Ministers. Why can't we have more locations for events such as the Lay School of Theology? Why can't we set a goal to have a Certified Lay Minister in every church? Why can't some of our small churches raise up their own pastors? Why can't we develop a web-based learning system with training for every aspect of leadership? I want us to get out of the doldrums and into the fresh wind of the Spirit and it won't happen without the vital leadership of our laity.

Another reality in our conference this year is changing clergy leadership. Seven of our 28 churches will experience the change of pastors. While this change can be life-giving it can also be life-draining as our laity experience yet another change in an ever shifting Alaskan landscape.

It is not surprising given these changes that we are also facing economic realities. This coming year some of our churches will be discerning whether they can continue to support a full time pastor. Some churches have depended too much on rental income for their operations budget. When that money suddenly evaporated last year churches who had been 100% in paying their apportionments were no longer, which resulted in an overall 10% decrease in conference giving last year.

We are facing this reality and taking steps to reduce conference spending by \$80,000 in the 2012 budget. Of course this comes at a price, the biggest being the proposed elimination of our DCM position by this time next year. This past spring our DCM provided key leadership with our Nome church to develop their proposal to GBGM to keep their building. Last month Leila went to Willow on a request to help them sort out some leadership and structure issues. This kind of resourcing will not happen in a financially less secure future. One would think there will be more money for local church spending with conference reductions. The concern is that our local church giving will shrink to fit the spending and we will be less equipped to sail with a full wind.

So where are the winds of the Holy Spirit blowing? This past year in the Anchorage area we celebrated our partnership with the Presbyterians, Lutherans, and Episcopalians with a joint worship service. With the leadership of Charlie Brower and Giving Voice we are working ecumenically to find ways to enhance ministry with native Alaskan people. How many of you already have in place a cooperative ministry or shared worship event with other Christian churches in your community? I encourage us all to reach out to our ecumenical partners in our communities to explore ways of sharing ministries for the sake of the gospel and witness to the world.

One action I can take on your behalf is advocacy. This past year I was involved with social justice issues of immigration reform, homelessness, and domestic violence. Under the leadership of our Northern Light United Church we are being exposed to the realities of FASD.

The winds of the Spirit are moving us towards creating new places for new people. Five of our pastors attended the New Church Leadership Institute. Dr. Elaine Heath taught at our Lay School of Theology and then was invited back in February to lead our professional church worker retreat. Many of us were inspired by her vision of starting small neighborhood faith communities, especially in poor areas. These communities are led by laity and clergy who have secular employment. They are linked to an anchor church and have a presence in a neighborhood that is missional, evangelistic, and monastic. This fall Elaine is starting a two year Academy for Missional Wisdom to train leaders for these communities. She grew up in Alaska and feels that Alaska can be a laboratory to show the entire denomination how we can be relevant to real people with real needs. I am looking for Alaska clergy and laity to step forward to be a part of this unique venture called New Day Alaska. Already Anchor Park is planning to start New Day faith communities at the University of Alaska, Anchorage. You can learn more by checking out the New Day table here at conference.

Faithful stewardship is another huge need in our churches. Our people need to understand that it's not just about money, but about year-round stewardship education. It's

about all of us taking seriously our call to follow Jesus Christ as his disciples. As leaders I strongly encourage you to engage your church leadership in an ongoing conversation about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

We can take heart in the reality that God is alive and moving in our midst. But we do live in the middle of a major wind shift. I hope you all will find the courage to face your reality in your church and community and resist any temptation to place blame for your situation. My hope and prayer is that we all will face our situation as it really is with ourselves as we really are. Because we serve a God who really wants us to be moving forward with sails full towards a new future for all of God's children on this earth!

Ballot # 12 results:

J. Disburg 8, P. Perry 3, J. Doepken 2, E. Erbele 10

Tom Wilson gave a report on the Northwest United Methodist Foundation.

The Pacific Northwest United Methodist Foundation recently merged with the Oregon Idaho Foundation. "The purpose of the Foundation is to assist with the transfer of generosity."

There are 5 services which the Foundation provides

1. Endowment Consultation
2. Planned Giving Programs
3. Loans
4. Financial management
5. Stewardship

The website is www.nwumf.org

The Tom Dahl fund is being treated as a permanent fund. The Legacy Fund is earning about 3 % interest.

1st Samoan has been making its payments on time.

Ballot # 13 results:

Clergy: J. Disburg 10, J. Doepken 2, E. Erbele 9

Bishop Hagiya reported on the efforts of the Conference Restructuring Task Force. The current structure is unwieldy. The Task Force is seeking a more nimble structure. One possibility is to create a Leadership Table. A full proposal will be presented in 2012.

Bishop Hagiya reported that The General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) is holding the position that since the Legacy Fund came from the sale of property deeded to the Conference, that fund should be used for property maintenance. Negotiations with GBGM continue in regard to the Nome property.

Julie Elmore presented the current status of the Nome property. Asbestos abatement is a primary issue. The congregation in Nome is taking more ownership in property matters. Several ministry idea for the building are being considered.

Bishop Hagiya report that the Seattle Episcopal Area will include three conferences: Oregon-Idaho, Pacific Northwest and Alaska. Gil Rendle is providing consultation services. The three conferences will remain separate. The assignments have not yet been determined. There will be no election of a bishop in the Western Jurisdiction 2012. The one retirement fulfills the General Conference mandate for each Jurisdiction to reduce the number of bishops by one person.

Ballot # 14

Clergy: J. Disburg 11, J. Doepken 2, E. Erbele 11

Bishop Hagiya reported that GBGM invited the Bishops of Missionary Conferences to come to New York for a meeting. GBGM is unable to sustain the current support it is giving

to Missionary Conferences. Advance gifts will now be sent to the Annual Conference instead of individual churches. GBGM is requesting a "rolling average" of costs to move pastors in and out of Alaska. This will assist in the budgeting process.

Craig Parrish reported on the efforts to improve the insurance coverage for the churches and institutions of the Conference. Each church was asked to submit a copy of its insurance policy. It was discovered that 2 churches had no insurance. Coverage and premium data was collected. Church Mutual offered a bid for a group policy which seemed exorbitant. Other companies will not bid without a decision by the Conference to obtain a group policy. Marsh Insurance Agency, which is the agency used by the Pacific Northwest Conference, has been providing advice on how to proceed.

Van Vonn from Marsh Agency was introduced. She presented the advantages of a group policy citing experiences of the Pacific Northwest Conference which group coverage.

Abby Dunning-Newbury, Conference Chancellor, spoke about the importance of having a Safe Sanctuary Policy and to advocate for a group policy citing major cases within that the state of Alaska.

The members of the conference were dismissed to prepare for the Memorial/Communion Service



Photo by Luther Oconer

Will these petitions ever end?

Plenary Session # 4 – 2:05 p.m.

Ballot # 15 results:

Clergy: J. Disburg 11, J. Doeppen 1, E. Erbele 10

The following motion was made:

Whereas: The Alaska United Methodist Conference Council on Finance and Administration has been looking into the fire and liability insurance coverage's carried by our churches. After a 18 month long inquiry, the following was discovered: 90% of the churches are covered by Church Mutual Insurance Company, two churches had no coverage at all, and all churches are underinsured and pose a financial threat to the annual conference through ascending liability if a law suit occurred.

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Whereas: The Conference Council on Finance and Administration has decided to put forth the following resolution,

Be it resolved:

That the Conference Council on Finance & Administration of the Alaska United Methodist Conference be authorized to proceed with negotiating a premium and coverages for a group fire & liability program and report back to the 2012 Annual Conference Session.

The following amendment was proposed:

Be if further resolved that the CCFA of the AUMC be authorized to establish minimum coverages applicable for local churches.

The amendment carried.

The main motion carried as amended.

Ballot #16 results:

Clergy: J. Disburg 13, E. Erbele 11

Jon Disburg was declared to be clergy delegate to General Conference

Bishop Hagiya announced that the offering collected for the Conference Missional Priority was \$2,005.00 and the offering collected for the Homer United Methodist Church was \$791.86

Tom Telfer presented the CCFA proposed apportionment formula. In 2012 one-sixth of the apportionment will be based on church membership. In 2013 membership will not be used in the calculations. The proposal was approved.

Ballot # 17 results:

Clergy: P. Perry 8, J Doeppen 5, E. Erbele 12

Charles Martindell proposed that the Annual Conference Missional Priority for the next two years be clean water for Haiti and awareness and prevention of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

The proposal was approved.

Bruce Galvin made a report on the Conference Pension and Health Benefits programs. The current situation is favorable. Nora Ortiz Fredrick reported that the North Georgia Annual Conference bought \$1,000,000 funding which provided the Alaska Annual Conference more liquidity. There were three petitions included in the written report. (See pages 51-53) All three carried:

Petition 1 – Past Service recommendation

Petition 2 – Overfunding plan

Petition 3 – Complying with paragraph 1506.8 of 2008 Book of Discipline

Ballot # 18 results

Clergy: P. Perry 11, J. Doeppen 5, E. Erbele 10

General Conference Petition 7 – carried. (see page 34)

Ballot # 19 results:

Clergy: P. Perry 13, J Doeppen 2, Erbele 10

Peter Perry was declared the alternate clergy delegate to General Conference.

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General Conference Petition 8 carried. (See page 34)

Ballot # 20 results:

Clergy: J. Doecken 8, E. Erbele 15, L. Disburg 1, R. Hicks 1

Evelyn Erbele was declared the first alternate delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

General Conference Petition 9 – carried with the following amendment to paragraph 2:

delete “and” before “negotiations” and add “and advice of legal counsel on any matters” after “information”. (See page 35)

Ballot # 21 results:

Clergy: J. Doecken 19, L. Disburg 3, R. Hicks 3

Jim Doecken was declared the second alternate clergy delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

A motion was made and carried to provide funds for reasonable expenses of the four delegates to General Conference and all eight delegates to Jurisdictional Conference.

General Conference Petitions 10, 11 and 12 – carried (see pages 36-37))

General Conference Petition 13: (See page 37) An amendment was offered to retain the language that was proposed to be deleted. The amendment failed. The main motion did not carry.

The members of the conference were dismissed to partake in an ice cream social sponsored by the Homer Boy Scouts.

Plenary Session # 5 – 4:17 p.m.

Craig Parrish presented the CFA report and made available a financial report through May 2011. 100 % Apportionments to General Church were paid in 2010. A certificate was given to the District Superintendent. All of the policy recommendations from CFA were approved.

The 2012 Budget was presented. It was stressed that the CFA does not make ministry decisions. It responds to the decisions by committees and the leadership.

Questions were raised concerning the process used to discontinue the position of Director of Connectional Ministries in 2012. The response was that the cabinet interpreted the financial realities of the conference necessitated this decision. Apportionment giving as of May were significantly behind last year which was the lowest in many years.

The 2012 Budget was approved. (See pages 88-93)

Jim Doecken, Luther Oconer and Jenny Smith promoted the new Web Site for the Annual Conference. Gratitude was expressed to Luther Oconer for the gift of his expertise and many hours of labor.

Bishop Hagiya reminded the members that Advance Specials will be going to the annual conference as a whole and not to individual churches. He announced that the Fall Rendezvous meeting will focus on the need for all pastors to covenant to itinerate on behalf of the Annual Conference.

General Conference Petitions 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 – carried. (See page 38-39)

General Conference Petition 19 – was not carried. (See page 40)

General Conference Petitions 20 and 21 were withdrawn by the maker of the petitions. (See pages 40-43)

General Conference Petition 22 and 23 – carried. (see page 44)

Cindy Roberts introduced John Madden from State Homeland Security who made a presentation emphasizing the importance of disaster preparedness. There has been a declared disaster every 90 days since the statehood of Alaska.

Thanks were extended to Leila Disburg, Crystal Feaster, Charles and Karen Martindell, and the Homer United Methodist Church for all their work in preparing for and hosting the Annual Conference.

Next annual conference is scheduled to be at St. John UMC in Anchorage. The date will be determined by Bishop Hagiya.

Conference Secretary Terence Erbele moved that the 40th Session of the Alaska United Methodist Conference be adjourned. Motion carried at 5:40 p.m.

Post-Conference vote

It was discovered that a vote was not taken regarding the Conference minimum clergy salary (See page 54). With the approval of Bishop Hagiya all delegates were given the opportunity to vote by e-mail between June 20 and June 23. The proposal was approved with 36 in favor to 16 opposed out of a possible 66 votes.

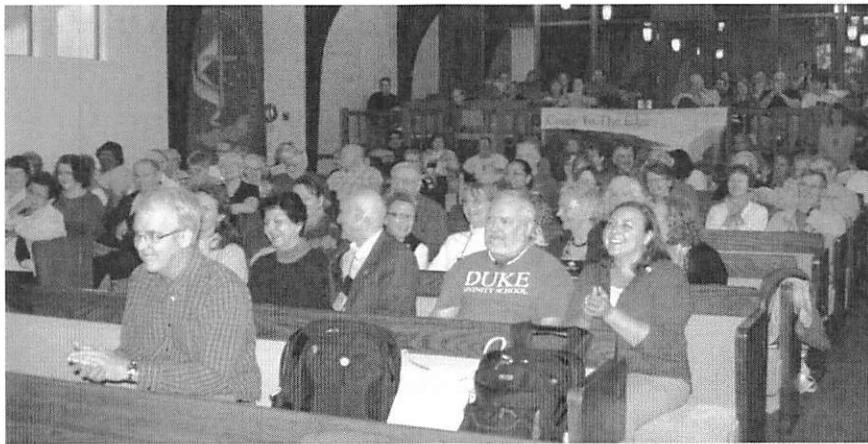


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We made it !

B. General Conference Petitions

All of the following petitions to General Conference were initiated by Lonnie Brooks for adoption by the Alaska Annual Conference. Petition 13 and 19 were not adopted. Petition 20 and 21 were withdrawn.

General Conference Petition 1.

To request of the Judicial Council a declaratory decision on the following questions:

¶214 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline* says, in relevant part, the following:

All people *may* attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments and become members in any local church in the connection. [Emphasis added]

¶4 of the United Methodist Constitution says, in relevant part, the following:

All persons without regard to race, color, national origin, status, or economic condition, *shall be eligible* to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection. [Emphasis added]

In Judicial Council Decision 1032 the Council said, "may means may," emphasizing that in ¶225 as it was worded at the time of JCD 1032 the permissive nature of the language meant that an applicant for transfer of membership did not have a right of membership. Yet, in ¶4 of the Constitution, the language is not permissive. The language used is "shall be eligible," which is as mandatory as language in the *Book of Discipline* gets.

In the light of the mandatory nature of the language of ¶4 of the Constitution, is the permissive language of ¶214 constitutional, when the Judicial Council has said, "may means may?"

Rational:

¶2609.1 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline* requires the Judicial Council to determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon the appeal of one-fifth of the members of the General Conference. Therefore consent by only 20% of the delegates is required to approve this petition.

General Conference Petition 2.

Add new language to the end of existing ¶214 as follows:

In all other cases only the person who presents herself or himself for professing membership has authority to discern whether she or he is ready to take the vows prescribed by The United Methodist Church.

Add new language to the end of existing ¶225 as follows:

In all cases, when a person applies for transfer of membership under this provision only the person who presents herself or himself for transfer of professing membership has authority to discern whether she or he is ready to take the vows prescribed by The United Methodist Church.

Rationale:

The current situation wherein the pastor is given sole authority to make the determination of suitability of an applicant for taking the vows of membership is authoritarian beyond tolerance in the UMC. Any applicant should be empowered prayerfully to make this decision for him/herself.

General Conference Petition 3.

Add a new ¶2610.3 and renumber appropriately the paragraphs that follow:

¶2610.3 Declaratory Decision Limitations—When, as in ¶2610.2, certain bodies in The United Methodist Church are limited to requesting a declaratory decision relating only to the body or affecting the work therein, that shall not be interpreted to mean that the request must be germane to a matter that is immediately pending before the body or that is part of the regular business, consideration, or discussion of the body wherein the request is proposed or adopted.

Rationale:

The Judicial Council has been inconsistent. With this change, if a request for declaratory decision relates to or affects the work of the body making the request, the Judicial Council will have jurisdiction, whether or not a related issue is pending in the session wherein the request is made.

General Conference Petition 4.

Amend ¶40 as indicated:

¶ 40. Article IV.

Changes in ¶ The number, names, and boundaries of the annual conferences and episcopal areas may be effected shall be determined by the jurisdictional conferences in the United States of America and by the central conferences outside the United States of America according to the provisions under the respective powers and pursuant to the respective structures of the jurisdictional and the central conferences. The authority of jurisdictional and central conferences provided herein is not circumscribed or limited by the authority provided to the College of Bishops to arrange a plan of episcopal supervision.

Rationale:

Judicial Council Decision 517 gave authority to determine episcopal area boundaries to Colleges of Bishops, complicating unnecessarily the process of determining the boundaries of annual conferences and episcopal areas. This action reverses that decision, returning power of boundary decisions to jurisdictional and central conferences, bodies that include lay persons.

General Conference Petition 5.

Amend ¶543.8 as follows:

¶543.8. A central conference shall fix the boundaries of the annual conferences, provisional annual conferences, missionary conferences, and missions within its bounds, proposals for changes first having been submitted to the annual conferences concerned as prescribed in the Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

Rationale::

¶587 provides that only General Conference has authority to create missionary conferences. As it stands ¶543.8 implies that central conferences also have such authority. Both things may not be true at the same time. This change will remove the conflict and leave authority to create missionary conferences with General Conference.

General Conference Petition 6.

Amend ¶359.2 as indicated following:

¶359.2. Location shall be certified by the presiding bishop. Associate members or clergy members in full connection located according to the provisions of this paragraph shall not continue to hold membership in the annual conference, and they shall surrender their certification of conference membership for deposit with the conference secretary. After consultation and with the written consent of the pastor in charge, and with the approval of the district superintendent and the staff-parish relations committee of a local church, located clergy members shall designate the local church charge conference in which they shall hold

membership. Documentation of this consent and approvals shall be filed with the Board of Ordained Ministry. As clergy members of the charge conference, they shall be permitted to exercise ministerial functions only with the written permission of the pastor in charge. They shall have all the privileges of membership in the church where they elect to hold charge conference membership, except as set forth in the Book of Discipline. When approved by the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry, a person on honorable location may be appointed ad interim by the bishop as a local pastor. A copy of the annual report to the charge conference shall be forwarded to the registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry in order for location to be continued. They shall report to the charge conference and the pastor all marriages performed, baptisms administered, and funerals conducted and shall be held amenable for their conduct and the continuation of their ordination rights to the annual conference within which the charge conference membership is held. A person on honorable location shall be eligible for election to be a member of a general agency or the Connectional Table (¶¶705 and 706), but such a person shall serve in the category of clergy.

Rationale:

This removes the ambiguity currently obtaining between whether a located cleric is a member of a local church or only of a charge conference. It further clarifies that general church service of a located cleric is in the category of clergy, not lay.

General Conference Petition 7.

Add a new phrase to the end of existing ¶588:

¶588 ... , and provided further that a missionary conference that does not have a board of ordained ministry must use the process prescribed in ¶586.4.g) for approval of candidates for ordination.

Rationale:

This provides that an indigenous candidate for ordination by a bishop serving a missionary conference must be approved by a board of ordained ministry and an annual conference prior to ordination.

General Conference Petition 8.

Amend ¶507 as indicated:

¶ 507. Petitions to General Conference—Any organization, clergy member, or lay member Any body created by the General Conference, any constitutional body other than charge conferences or the Judicial Council, and any of the caucuses authorized for representation on the Connectional Table in ¶906.1.e) of The United Methodist Church may petition the General Conference in the following manner:

1. The petition must be sent to the secretary of the General Conference or a designated petitions secretary. It shall be in typed or printed form, or other means approved by the secretary of the General Conference, and shall follow a format determined by that officer.
2. Each petition must address only one issue if the Discipline is not affected; if the Discipline is affected, each petition must address only one paragraph of the Discipline, except that, if two or more paragraphs in the Discipline are so closely related that a change in one affects the others, the petition may call for the amendment of those paragraphs also to make them consistent with one another.
3. Each petition must be signed by the person an authorized representative of the body submitting it, accompanied by appropriate identification, such as address, local church, or United Methodist board or agency relationship. Each petition submitted by fax or electronic mail must identify the individual submitting it, accompanied by identification as above, and must contain a valid electronic mail return address or return fax number by which the submitter

can be reached. Electronic signatures will be accepted in accordance with common business practice.

4. All petitions submitted to the General Conference, ~~except those submitted by individual members of The United Methodist Church and local church groups, which call for the establishment of new programs or the expansion of existing programs will be invalid unless accompanied by supporting data that address the issue of anticipated financial requirements of the program.~~

5. Petitions must be postmarked by a national postal service no later than 210 days prior to the opening session of the General Conference.

6. If petitions are transmitted by a means other than a national postal service, they must be in the hands of the petitions secretary no later than 210 days prior to the opening session of the General Conference.

Exceptions to the time limitations shall be granted for petitions originating from an annual conference session held between 210 and 45 days prior to the opening session of the General Conference, and for other petitions at the discretion of the Committee on Reference.

7. Petitions adopted and properly submitted by bodies authorized to petition the General Conference in ¶507, annual conferencees, jurisdictional and central conferences, the Division on Ministries With Young People, or general agencies or councils of the Church, and petitions properly submitted by individual members (either clergy or lay) of The United Methodist Church and local church groups; provided that they have been received by the petitions secretary or secretary of the General Conference no later than 210 days before the opening of General Conference, shall be printed in the Advance Edition of the Daily Christian Advocate.

Rationale:

All United Methodists have access to one or more of the groups named as authorized petitioning agents, which ought to act as screening agents for reducing the work load of General Conference to a more manageable size.

General Conference Petition 9.

Add the following new subparagraph to the end of existing ¶604. This will be a restoration of ¶604.14 from the 2004 *Discipline* deleted by General Conference 2008:

¶604.14. *Closed Sessions*—In the spirit of openness and accountability, all meetings of official boards, agencies, commissions, and committees of the annual conference, including sub-unit meetings and teleconferences, shall be open. Portions of a meeting may be closed for consideration of specific subjects if such a closed session is authorized by an affirmative public vote of at least three-fourths of the voting members present. The vote shall be taken in public session and recorded in the minutes. Documents distributed in open meetings shall be considered public.

Great restraint shall be used in closing meetings; closed sessions should be used as seldom as possible. Subjects that may be considered in closed session are limited to real-estate matters; negotiations, when general knowledge could be harmful to the negotiation process; personnel matters; issues related to the accreditation or approval of institutions; discussions relating to litigation or collective bargaining; deployment of security personnel or devices; and negotiations involving confidential third-party information.

A report on the results of a closed session shall be made immediately upon its conclusion or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

RATIONALE:

Decisions 869 and 899 of the Judicial Council make questionable the applicability to annual conferences of ¶721 as amended by General Conference 2008. To ensure annual conferences and subordinate bodies are required to have open meetings except under prescribed circumstances it is necessary to reinstate this paragraph.

If the Judicial Council decides that ¶721 as amended by General Conference 2008 now applies to annual conferences and subordinate bodies thereof, then this petition will not be submitted to General Conference 2012.

General Conference Petition 10.

Amend ¶409.2 as indicated:

¶ 409.2. A retired bishop may be considered a member of an annual conference, without vote, for purposes of appointment to a local charge within said conference. In the alternative, a retired bishop who is not appointed to a local charge may choose to have a seat on a charge conference and shall have all the privileges of membership in the church where they elect to hold such membership except as set forth in the Discipline. (c.f. ¶358.5)

Rationale:

Retired bishops who are not otherwise formally attached to a local church should have the same privileges of local church participation as other retired clerics through membership in the charge conference.

General Conference Petition 11.

Amend ¶¶247, 271, 419, 421, 667, and 1117 as follows:

¶247.11. The charge conference shall inquire annually into the gifts, labors, and usefulness of the lay speakers and certified lay ministers pastors related to the charge and recommend to the district and/or conference committee on lay speaking those persons who have met the standards set forth for a local church lay speaker and/or for certified lay speaker and certified lay minister pastor (¶¶ 266-269).

¶ 271. Certified Lay Pastor Minister—In order to enhance the quality of ministry to small membership churches, expand team ministry in churches and in deference to an expression of gifts and evidence of God's grace associated with the lay ministry of early Methodism, the certified lay pastor minister is to be recognized and utilized.

1. The certified lay pastor minister shall preach the Word, provide a care ministry to the congregation, assist in program leadership, and be a witness in the community for the growth, missional and connectional thrust of The United Methodist Church as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergy person....

3. The certified lay pastor minister is to apply in writing for recertification biannually to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry upon:

a) Ministry review by church council or charge conference from the congregation of which he/she is a member.
b) Satisfactory completion of an approved continuing education event, and
c) Recommendation of the district superintendent.

4. The certified lay pastor minister under assignment is to appear bi-annually before the District Committee on Ordained Ministry for recertification after:

a) Ministry review by church council or charge conference where assigned,
b) Satisfactory completion of an approved continuing education event, and
c) Recommendation of the district superintendent.

5. Transfer of Certification by Certified Lay Pastors Ministers

A certified lay pastor minister who moves may transfer certification to the new district upon receipt of a letter from the previous district's Committee on Ordained Ministry confirming current certification.

6. The certified lay pastor minister is a layperson and as such is not eligible for support by equitable compensation funds or pension that are provided for clergy members. The local congregation is encouraged to provide appropriate compensation.

¶419(h) by assigning persons such as certified lay pastors ministers to churches who do not have appointed clergy;

¶421.5.a) To make specific provision for the support and supervision of certified lay pastors ministers or other laity assigned within the district.

¶667.3. The responsibilities of a district committee on Lay Speaking Ministries are to provide basic training for local church lay speakers and advanced courses for certified lay speakers as recommended by the General Board of Discipleship, or as approved by the conference committee on Lay Speaking Ministries; to decide who will be recognized as certified lay speakers; to help match lay speakers and certified lay pastors ministers with service opportunities; and to support and affirm lay speakers and certified lay pastors ministers as they serve.

¶1117.6. Provide support to conference and district directors of Lay Speaking Ministries, to conference and district committees on Lay Speaking Ministries, and to the Association of Conference Directors of Lay Speaking Ministries. In consultation with the conference directors, set standards for local church, certified lay speakers, and certified lay pastors ministers and provide teaching resources for use by annual conference and district committees.

Rationale:

All baptized Christians are certified ministers by virtue of having a certificate of baptism. The name Certified Lay Minister, when the intent is to certify a laic for the practice of pastoral ministry, needlessly confuses this foundational theology of ministry.

General Conference Petition 12.

Add a new ¶507.9 and renumber other paragraphs as required:

¶507.9 Petitions that propose making changes to the Social Principles may not be placed on a consent calendar. This legislation becomes effective immediately upon its adoption.

Rationale:

The Social Principles are significant statements of policies and positions of the UMC, so changes thereto ought to be the subject of direct and full attention and deliberation.

General Conference Petition 13.

Amend ¶165.C as indicated:

War and Peace—We believe war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ. We therefore reject war as an instrument of national foreign policy, to be employed only as a last resort in the prevention of such evils as genocide, brutal suppression of human rights, and unprovoked international aggression. We oppose unilateral first/preemptive strike actions and strategies on the part of any government. As disciples of Christ, we are called to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict.

Rationale

The inserted language was deleted at GC08, and that deleted was then inserted. The UMC is not and never has been a pacifist Church. The just war option should be restored, and preemptive strikes against a menacing opponent such as Israel faced in the Six Day War should be permitted

General Conference Petition 14.

Move ¶613.15 to a new place in the Discipline so that it becomes a new ¶2512.8.

RATIONALE

Many insurance matters within the conference relate to real property, which is managed by the Board of Trustees. Similarly, the Board of Trustees is most often the legal entity of the conference, or its representative, and will be involved in any matters of liability, particularly those that involve litigation.

General Conference Petition 15.

Amend ¶14 as indicated:

¶ 14. Article II.—The General Conference shall meet in the month of April or May once in four years at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the General Conference or by its duly authorized committees. The change in the preceding sentence shall become effective at the close of General Conference in 2016.

Rationale:

Holding General Conference in April or May is egregiously discriminatory against any person whose life cycle is primarily related to the normal calendar for school systems in the United States from which a majority of delegates to General Conference is drawn.

General Conference Petition 16.

Add a new ¶705.4.g):

¶705.4.g) Status of Liaison Representatives—Because of the special nature of the relationship between the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico and the general agencies of The United Methodist Church as established in the Concordat between the two churches, the liaison representatives of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico to the general agencies of The United Methodist Church will serve with voice and vote and be afforded the same status on those agencies as though they were members, except as provided in ¶705.4.f).

Rationale:

This clarifies the status of the liaison representatives of the MCPR on UM general agencies which has been the subject of debate on several UM agencies.

General Conference Petition 17.

Add a new ¶ 602.1.f) and amend ¶¶602.1.a) and 602.4 as indicated:

¶ 602.1.a) Clergy members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the annual conference except as provided in ¶602.1.f) and except in the election of lay delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences and shall have sole responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

¶ 602.1.f) Clergy in retired status (¶358) shall have voice, but not vote, in the annual conference and shall not be eligible for election as delegates to General Conference, jurisdictional conference, or central conference. Annual conferences may, but are not required, to pay expenses of retired clerics for attendance at the annual conference on a basis to be determined by the annual conference.

¶602.4... If the lay membership should number less than the voting clergy membership of the annual conference, the annual conference shall, by its own formula, provide for the election of additional lay members to equalize lay and voting clergy membership of the annual conference.

Rationale:

Most retired clerics do not attend annual conference, yet conferences must elect laics to equalize representation between the categories. Many retirees relocate upon retirement and do not live within the bounds of the conferences of membership. This petition will remedy that situation and recognize that retirement means retirement.

General Conference Petition 18.

Add a new ¶2701.2.f) and amend ¶¶2704, 2706, and 2708 as follows:

¶2701.2.f) Right to Trial —Since the right to trial of all United Methodists is a constitutional right (¶20), a respondent to a judicial complaint has a right in a timely manner to have the complaint heard by the appropriate committee on investigation and a determination made by that committee of the disposition of the complaint as specified in ¶2706. A respondent has a right to a speedy trial if the committee on investigation prepares a bill of charges and specifications (¶2706.1). After a bishop, (¶2704.1.a), ¶2704.2.a), and ¶2704.2.b)), district superintendent, or pastor in charge (¶2704.3.a) and ¶2704.4.a)) has appointed counsel for the Church, disposition of a complaint shall be no longer under the authority of the bishop, district superintendent, or pastor in charge who referred the complaint to counsel for the Church.

¶2704.1.a) Judicial Complaint—A complaint based on allegations that a bishop has committed one or more of the offenses listed in ¶ 2702 shall initially be served on the president and secretary of the College of Bishops. Upon receipt of the complaint the president of the College of Bishops shall forthwith deliver a copy of the complaint to the respondent bishop, notify active bishops of the existence and nature of the complaint, and refer the complaint to an elder in full connection within the same jurisdictional or central conference, who shall serve as counsel for the Church. Counsel for the Church shall represent the interests of the Church in pressing the claims of the person making the complaint. Counsel for the Church shall have the right to choose one assistant counsel without voice who may be an attorney. Within forty-five days of receiving the complaint the The counsel for the Church shall draft and sign the complaint as a judicial complaint, forward it to the jurisdictional or central conference committee on investigation (¶ 2704), and represent the Church in the judicial process.

¶2704.2.b) If a written complaint is made against a clergyperson for any of the offenses in ¶ 2702.1, the bishop shall appoint a clergyperson in full connection as counsel for the Church (see ¶ 361.1d[1]). Within forty-five days of receiving the complaint the Counsel for the Church shall prepare, sign, and refer the judicial complaint, with all relevant material, to the chairperson of the conference committee on investigation and represent the interests of the Church in pressing the claims of the person making the original complaint in any proceedings before the committee.

¶2704.3.a) If a written complaint is made against a diaconal minister for any of the offenses in ¶ 2702.1, the supervisory response should be initiated and a just resolution process may be used. (See ¶ 361.1(b) for a discussion of a just resolution.) If the supervisory process does not result in resolution, the respondent's district superintendent may appoint a clergyperson in full connection or diaconal minister as counsel for the Church. Within forty-five days of receiving the complaint the Counsel for the Church shall prepare, sign, and refer the judicial complaint, with all relevant material, to the chairperson of the conference committee on investigation for diaconal ministers and represent the interests of the Church in pressing the claims of the person making the original complaint in any proceedings before the committee.

¶2704.4.a) In all cases, the pastor or district superintendent should take pastoral steps to resolve any grievances or complaints. Such steps may include a just resolution process. See ¶ 361.1(b) for a discussion of a just resolution. If after such steps have been taken and have not resulted in a resolution and a written complaint is made against a layperson for any of the offenses in ¶ 2702.3, the pastor in charge or co-pastors (¶ 205.1) of the local church, in consultation with the district superintendent and the district lay leader, may appoint counsel for the Church, who shall be a United Methodist. Within forty-five days of receiving the complaint the Counsel for the Church shall prepare, sign, and refer the judicial complaint, with all relevant material, to the chairperson of committee on investigation.

¶2706.1. Introduction—The role of the committee on investigation is to conduct an investigation into the allegations made in the judicial complaint and within forty-five days of having convened (¶¶2704.1.b), 2704.2.b), and 2704.3.a) to determine if reasonable grounds exist to bring a bill of charges and specifications to trial. If so, within thirty days of having determined there are reasonable grounds to do so it shall prepare, sign and certify a bill of charges and specifications.

¶2708.2. Time and Place of Trial—The official charged with convening the trial shall also fix the time and place for the trial and will notify the presiding officer, the respondent, counsel for the Church and the person making the original complaint. In all cases, sufficient time shall be allowed for these persons to appear at the given place and time and for the respondent to prepare for the trial. The presiding officer shall decide what constitutes “sufficient time,” but in no case shall this time be less than twenty days nor more than sixty days without the written consent of the respondent.

Rationale:

The right to trial of United Methodists should not be subject to inappropriate delay nor to frustration by a decision of a bishop or other person in authority to terminate an investigation prematurely against the wishes of the respondent.

General Conference Petition 19.

Modify ¶33 as indicated herein following:

¶33 The annual conference is the basic body in the Church and as such shall have reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of clergy and lay delegates to the General and the jurisdictional or central conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its clergy members, and on the ordination of clergy and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, ~~with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy except that the lay members of the conference board of ordained ministry and the committee on investigation may vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy, with the further exception that lay members of the district committee on ordained ministry be full participating members of the district committee on ordained ministry with vote.~~ It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.

Rationale:

This provides for full inclusion of laity in all decisions. With increasing awareness of the seriousness and widespread nature of clergy misconduct it is ingenuous to think that laity have no stake in decisions about clergy character and conference relations or that they should be excluded from matters of ordination.

General Conference Petition 20.

Amend ¶¶316.6, 318.5, 321.1, 329.2, 334.1, 369.5, 602.1.a), 602.1.c), 602.1.d), and 605.6 as indicated:

¶316.6 The membership of local pastors under full-time and part-time appointment is in the annual conference where they shall have the right to vote on all matters except constitutional amendments, ~~election of delegates to general, jurisdictional, or central conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.~~

¶318.5 Local pastors may serve on any board, commission, or committee with voice and vote, ~~except on matters of clergy character, qualifications, status, and ordination, except the Board of~~

~~Ordained Ministry and the district committee on ordained ministry (¶ 635.1).~~ They shall not be eligible to vote or serve as delegates to the general, jurisdictional, or central conference.

¶321.1 Associate members shall have a right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except the following: (a) constitutional amendments; (b) election of delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences; (c) all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

¶329.2 The deacon in full connection shall have the rights of voice and vote in the annual conference where membership is held; shall be eligible to serve as clergy on boards, commissions, or committees of the annual conference and hold office on the same; and shall be eligible for election as a clergy delegate to the General, central, or jurisdictional conference. The deacon in full connection shall attend all the sessions of the annual conference and share with ~~elders in full connection other members~~ responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (¶ 334.1).

¶334.1 Elders in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the annual conference except in the election of lay delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences (¶ 602.1a) and shall share with ~~deacons in full connection other members~~ responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.

¶369.5 There shall ~~may~~ be an annual meeting of this covenant body, in ~~executive closed~~ session of clergy members in full connection with the annual conference, including both deacons and elders, at the site of the regular session of the annual conference, or at an alternative time and location determined by the bishop after consultation with the cabinet and the executive committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry, ~~to consider provided that~~ questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relations ~~not be considered in such a session, since such matters may not be considered without the full participation with voice and vote of all the members, except affiliate members,~~ of the annual conference (¶¶ 605.6, 636.2).

¶602.1.a) Clergy members in full connection shall have the right to vote on all matters in the annual conference except in the election of lay delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences ~~and shall have sole responsibility for all matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.~~

¶602.1.c) Associate ~~and affiliate~~ clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments, ~~and~~ election of ~~clergy~~ lay delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences, ~~and~~ matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. When associate members are members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (¶ 634.1).

¶602.1.d) Full-time and part-time local pastors under appointment to a pastoral charge shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments; ~~and~~ election of ~~lay~~ delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences ~~and~~ matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy.²⁹ When local pastors are members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (¶ 634.1).

¶605.6 The annual conference ~~in closed session~~ shall make inquiry into the moral and official conduct of its ordained ministers and local pastors. In response to the inquiry whether all such persons are blameless in their life and official administration, the district superintendent may answer for all the preachers in the district in one answer, or the Board of Ordained Ministry may make inquiry of each district superintendent about each ordained minister in the district

and make one report to the bishop and the conference in open session. Questions relating to matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy shall be the business of the entire conference with the full participation with voice and vote of clergy and lay members, except that affiliate members shall be excluded from this session unless they are included under the provisions for permitting others to attend as provided herein. clergy session. The actions of the clergy session shall be for and on behalf of the annual conference. The provisions of the Book of Discipline applicable to an annual conference shall also be applicable to the clergy session. All clergy members (¶¶ 601.1, 602.1) of the annual conference and the lay members of the Board of Ordained Ministry may attend and shall have voice in the clergy session. Only the ordained clergy in full connection and the members of the Board of Ordained Ministry may vote (¶ 602.1a). Others may be admitted by express action of the conference clergy session, but shall not have vote, nor, unless specifically granted by the conference clergy session, shall have voice (¶ 333).

These changes shall be effective if and only if the proposed amendment to ¶33 to provide for full inclusion of all annual conference members in all business of the conference is certified by the Council of Bishops.

Rationale:

Laics, local pastors, and associate members have an equal stake with full clergy members in discerning who is qualified to be ordained, who should be continued in representative ministry, and who has violated what trusts afforded them. Moreover, these members have equal interest, right, and ability in making such decisions.

General Conference Petition 21.

Amend ¶¶316.6, 318.5, 321.1, 329.2, 334.1, 369.5, 602.1.a), 602.1.c), 602.1.d), and 605.6 as indicated:

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¶602.1.c) Associate and affiliate clergy members shall have the right to vote in the annual conference on all matters except constitutional amendments; and election of clergy lay delegates to the general and jurisdictional or central conferences, and matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy. When associate members are members of the conference Board of Ordained Ministry, they have the right to vote at clergy session on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of clergy (¶ 634.1).

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Rationale:

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General Conference Petition 22.

Add the following new text to the end of existing ¶713:

The balloting shall be secret, but the presiding officer shall announce to the membership the results of the election, including the number of votes for election, against election, and in abstention.

Rationale

The members of general agencies are those persons selected through the process prescribed by General Conference to be responsible for the operation of the agencies and must have full information concerning the members of the executive staff of the agencies, including the level of support for their election.

General Conference Petition 23.

Add a new sentence to the end of existing ¶502.3.e) as follows:

Any adjustment up or down by the secretary shall be the minimum adjustment necessary to bring the number of delegates within the constitutionally prescribed limits.

Rationale:

Judicial Council Decision 1128 says the restrictions that apply to the secretary in making adjustments in the number of delegates are only those articulated by General Conference. This amendment is clearly required to ensure that General Conference, not an arbitrary decision of the secretary, establishes the size of General Conference.

C. Disciplinary Questions

The answers to these questions are on file with the conference Secretary. Most of the information is contained in other parts of the journal.

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D. Appointments
Conference Year 2011-2012**Code:****FD – Deacon in Full connection****FE – Elder in Full connection****OF – Full Member of other denomination****PE – Provisional Elder****PL – Part time Local Pastor****(*) – Less than full time****(I/T) – Interim/Transitional**

<u>Appointment Charge – Church</u>	<u>Minister</u>	<u>Year</u>
Superintendent	David Beckett FE	3
Director of Connectional Ministries	Leila Disburg FE	3
 Anchorage:		
Anchor Park	Jon Disburg FE Jennifer Smith PE	5 2
East Anchorage	Jon Disburg FE Jennifer Smith PE	5 2
	Faatafa Fulumua* PL (Samoa Fellowship)	1
First	Ronald Myers FE	1
First Samoan	Sailitai Maga* PL	15
Jewel Lake	Tom Holslag OF	2
Korean	Woo Shoung Park* PL	7
St. John	Peter Perry FE JoAnn Schaadt FE	2 6
Turnagain	Robert Smith* FE	1
Chugiak	Carlo Rapanut FE	4
Douglas	Cynthia Roberts FE	2
 Fairbanks		
First	David Horning FE	1
Girdwood	James Doeppen FE	12
Homer	Charles Martindell FE	4
	Karen Martindell* FD	3

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Juneau:		
Aldersgate	Susan Boegli FE	1
Northern Light United	Phil Campbell OF	2
Kenai:	Janice Carlton* PL	1
Ketchikan:		
First	Evelyn Erbele FE Terence Erbele FE	4 4
Ninilchik:		
St. Peter the Fisherman	Julie Wasser* PL	9
Nome:		
Community	Julia Yoder Elmore PE	4
Nome Community Center	David Elmore PE	1
Nikiski:		
North Star	Stephen Eldred* FE (I/T)	1
North Pole:		
New Hope	Karen Martin Tichenor FE	4
Seward/Moose Pass	Paul Caseman FE	2
Sitka	Luther Oconer FE	3
Soldotna	Lauren Kay Shock* FE (I/T)	1
Unalaska	Daniel Wilcox* FE Kris-Ann Wilcox* FE	4 1
Wasilla/Palmer:		
Christ First	Victoria Hicks FE Robert Hicks* FE	4 4
Palmer Fellowship	Victoria Hicks FE Robert Hicks* FE	4 4
Willow	Daniel Lush FE	2
Deaconess		
Church & Community Worker Willow	Fran Lynch	15

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E. Laypersons of the Year and Harry Denman Award Recipients

Year	Layperson of the Year	Harry Denman Award
2011	*	Karolann Whetsell, Soldotna <i>Richard Whetsell</i> , Soldotna
2010	*	<i>Richard Heacock</i> , First Fairbanks & John Anderson, St. John
2009	JoAnne Hayden, Anchor Park	<i>Dennis Holway</i> , Turnagain
2008	Betty J. Worthington, Chugiak	<i>Lynne Kennedy</i> , Ninilchik
2007	KJ Metcalf, Northern Light	<i>Kay Abrams</i> , Chugiak
2006	Karen Chase, Seward	*
2005	Arlene Wood, Jewel Lake	<i>Walt Hays</i> , St. John
2004	Keith Sworts, First Fairbanks	Rose McLean, St. John
2003	Leslie Baker, Nikiski	Arlene Brovald, Jewel Lake
2002	*	*
2001	Don Gotschall	*
2000	*	*
1999	*	*
1998	*	Fran Lynch & Jim Campbell, Willow
1997	Susie Smalley, Soldotna	*
1996	Natalie Brooks, Chugiak	*
1995	Phyllis Folta, Willow	<i>Sailitai Maga</i> , Turnagain & <i>Waldemar Bobrowski</i> , Ninilchik
1994	Jodi Martinez, East Anchorage	<i>Bonnie Campbell</i> , Unalaska
1993	Dale Davidson, Turnagain	Jan Cawvey, First Anchorage
1992	May Campbell, Aldersgate	<i>David Fison</i> , St. John & Verda Carey, Douglas
1991	Ellen Northrup, Aldersgate	Harry & Ann Janzen, Sitka
1990	Maynard Gross, Homer	Les & Betty Ludlum, St. John & <i>John Campbell</i> , Aldersgate
1989	Verda Carey, Douglas	Lane Reese, St. John
1988	Natalie Brooks, Chugiak	Julia Smith, Sitka & <i>Wayne Weld-Martin</i> , St. John
1987	Roland Stanton, Ketchikan	Sharon Cooper, Aldersgate
1986	Bea Shepard & Claudia Kelsey, Douglas	Richard Haight, Northern Light & <i>Geo-Chang Park</i> , Anchorage Korean
1985	Eva Christian, Willow/Parks Hwy.	Jackie Campbell, Seward & <i>Jack Christiansen</i> , Parks Hwy.
1984	*	<i>John Garvin</i> , ACS & Willie Senungetuk, Nome
1983	*	Nu & Halatoa Saulala, Tongan & Samoan; & <i>Art Edwards</i> , Anchor Park
1982	*	<i>Jim Buffington</i> & Reese Havens, First ANC; & Joyce Edwards, Anchor Park
1981	*	Robert Smay, St. John
*	No information or no award given	Clergy denoted in <i>italics</i>



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Richard and Karolann Whetsell say, "Good-by."

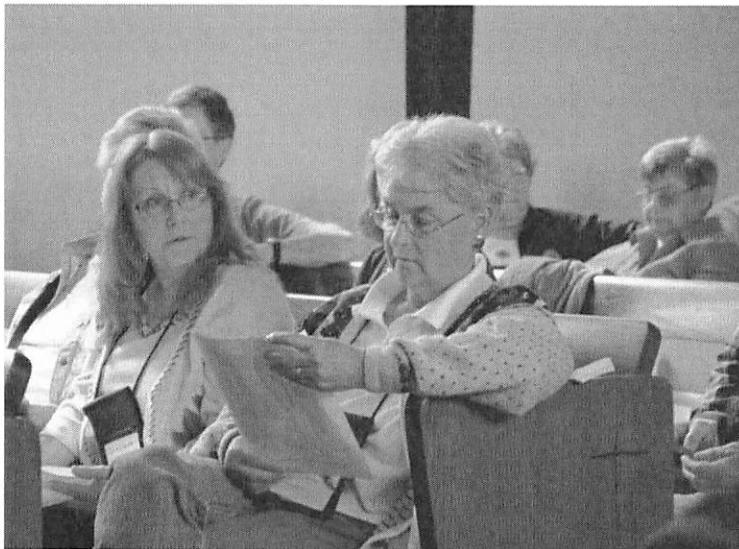


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Dale Kelly studies one of many documents during her last annual conference in Alaska

V REPORTS TO THE CONFERENCE

A. Regional Program Councils

1. Kenai Regional Program Council – Charles Martindell

The past year will be remembered for two very different reasons. First, in January a Leadership Training day was held at Soldotna with most of the clergy offering training on various church work areas. Rev. Leila Disburg was with us for the day, leading the opening worship and one of the trainings. Courses included Finance and Budget, Gifts and Call, Worship, the work of Trustees, Staff Parish Relations Committees and Iteration. The event was well attended and a wonderful lunch was provided by Karolann Whetsell and the Soldotna

UMC. Secondly, the Kenai United Methodist churches are in a time of transition due to changes in clergy leadership at Soldotna, Kenai and Nikiski. Saying good bye is never easy, but the important ministries offered by our departing friends will continue to make a difference as we look to the future.

2. Northern Regional Program Council – Tom Telfer

On April 9-11 we enjoyed our annual retreat held in 2010 in Palmer. Our Region consists of churches that are spread across the state and among the least accessible. The retreat provides one more opportunity for us to experience our connection to one another, to find support and to celebrate our common ministry together.

We were quite pleased that our Director of Connectional Ministries and our Conference Superintendent could join us...thank you Leila and Dave.

Our retreat for 2011 is scheduled to be held in Fairbanks on April 29-May 1.

3. South Central Regional Program Council – Carlo Rapanut

The South Central Regional Program Council would like to lift up the following highlights of our ministry together.

- We did "Church is a Verb" Sunday. 5 out of the 11 churches in the region had this in August resulting in considerable impacts in their communities. The council recommended to CCC that it be done again in 2011.
- We supported the Lay School of Theology 2010. The school had 40 participants. Due to the positive feedback, one of the professors, Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath, was again invited to resource the clergy retreat and preach in the ecumenical gathering at the Winter Rendezvous. The 2011 LST will be the 3rd weekend in September.
- We co-sponsored with the Conference training for local church leaders. While attendance was lower than the previous year, which was deemed due to the date it was held, there was positive feedback from the participants on all the presentations made. The next leadership event will be January 21, 2012.
- We formed a committee to spearhead young adult ministry efforts in the region. Their first activity was a success and was well attended.
- In our role as the Conference Board of Church and Society, we created a committee to receive and approve applications and disburse funds for Peace with Justice programs.
- We financially supported the "Prophets" tour in early 2011 and Tafa Fulumua's local pastors training.
- We did a Christmas advertising campaign using Facebook instead of print.
- All 11 churches covenanted to take steps towards recognition as Welcoming Congregations and Aurora Congregations by the 2011 AUMC Session.
- We met for planning, sharing, table fellowship, mutual encouragement and support. Turnagain and First Samoan UMCs graciously hosted our meetings and dinners.

4. Southeast Regional Program Council – Judy Shook

SEPRC welcomed two new clergy this year. The clergy had retreat time together as opportunity to get to know one another. Our fall meeting rotated to Sitka so that we could see each other's churches.

Leila Disburg, Director of Connectional Ministries, led a continuing education piece on differing ways of dealing with conflict and dysfunctional systems for the entire program council. This was informative and fun!

Our scheduled cultural competency continuing education with some Sitka Native elders shifted, due to a funeral of a prominent leader in their community they were unable to attend. Tom Gambell, a young Native leader and employee of the National Historical Park, shared with us on SE Native cultures and their meeting with Christianity. Tom's presentation of the park's displays was mixed with rich cultural information.

We were honored to have Charles Brower join us for this part of our gathering as our

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Native Ministries chairperson and a liaison to various connectional ministries serving the Native communities of Alaska.

Charles shared wider possibilities and developments in Alaska Native Ministries with the SERPC.

In our business session, we proposed two suggestions for Conference Mission Priorities: 1) Education and awareness about FASD, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder; 2) Haiti UMCOR support coordinated with the United Methodist Women's mission study.

In an effort to strengthen youth ministries, we proposed further financial support of Eagle River UM camp (located in Juneau) scholarships as part of our budget with a priority for travel by ferry from Sitka and Ketchikan.

B. Director of Connectional Ministries – Leila M. Disburg

Thank you for a wonderful year of serving the Alaska Conference. I get inspired when I talk with pastors and laity who are eager to be vital in ministry and to reach out to those they have not reached before. The climate in our culture for Christians is not currently an easy one. I am sure that none of us have seen anywhere that Jesus promised it would be easy to follow him.

This past year has been spent resourcing churches, pastors, leading trainings, representing the Alaska Conference to the denomination, developing programming and trying to be a helpful resource for the conference. It is my sincere prayer that each church in this conference will realize the gifts God has placed in your midst, look to find where God is already present, and join in.

New places for new people continues to be a priority for all of us. I would like to challenge each of our churches to find ways outside their church buildings and even outside their comfort zones to grow relationships with their mission field.

C. Administrative Unit – Board of Trustees- Nora Ortiz Fredrick

Under the structure approved at Annual Conference 2010, the Admin Unit recommended to the Superintendent that Nome Community UMC and Unalaska UMC be designated as mission congregations.

To honor that designation, the primary conference financial assistance will come from the Mission Aid Fund. Previously, most of the support from these churches came from the Equitable Compensation Fund.

The Admin Unit adopted the following policy regarding Mission Aid:

Mission Aid

The Mission Aid Fund was created by the AUMC to provide support for churches within the AUMC who find themselves in need of support from beyond the local church. The following policy is for the allocation of Mission Aid:

- 1) Local churches designated as Mission Congregations have priority to Mission Aid funding.
- 2) No church that has paid staff other than appointed staff will receive Mission Aid.
- 3) The pastor in charge of the church and/or the Chair of the Church Council shall apply to the Superintendent for support from the Mission Aid.
- 4) The Mission Aid application will include the amount of money requested, the purpose for which it is intended, and the period of time for which support will be required. The application should include the reasons the church is unable to meet these obligations without conference support. The local church will provide current and previous years' financial statements for review.
- 5) The Superintendent will recommend the Mission Aid grants for the current year to the Admin Unit for approval during the Winter (February) meetings.
- 6) Local churches may apply for Mission Aid later in the year, meeting all the above requirements. If additional funds are available in the Mission Aid Fund, the Superintendent may recommend additional support, subject to approval of Admin Unit.

D. Conference Board of Pensions – Bruce Galvin, Conference Benefits Officer

With the addition at the end of 2010 of \$1,000,000 to the benefits trust funds through excess funding in the pre-82 pension plan the board now is self-sufficient through earnings on these funds. In 2011 a budget has been adopted to provide compensation and travel expenses for the conference benefits officer (previously this was taken out of conference reserves), health wellness incentive of \$1,500 to each church where their covered pastor (includes spouses too if applicable) completes three wellness incentives, and support to two mission churches to help pay over 81% of the blended health cost.

These budget items will continue in 2012 plus the cost to local churches for the health plan will decrease by over \$2,100 with a change in how the conference is charged for families and what is passed on to the church. This additional savings to church is estimated to cost \$27,000 in the 2012 budget.

The health participants are adjusting to the new higher deductible consumer health plan in how to use their health reimbursement account debit card and hopefully become better consumers of their health benefits. In 2010 the Alaska participants had an excellent claims record resulting in no increase in the actual health premium in 2012. There is continued emphasis on wellness. At annual conference there will be Wellness Screening offered to all health participants.

The board adopted investment policies for investing the benefit trust fund. Current projections are that this fund could increase by another \$1,000,000 by the end of 2013.

Recommendations**Petition****PAST SERVICE PENSION RATE**

Resolved: that effective January 1, 2012, the Ministerial Pension Rate and the Local Pastors Pension Rate shall be \$661.26 and that Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program be so amended.

Explanation: Supplement One to CRSP is the new name of Addendum A to MPP and CPP that was originally adopted by the 1981 session of this Annual Conference and all other provisions of Supplement One/Addendum A continue as previously adopted. This new pension rate represents an increase of 3% over the 2011 rate to bring it up to a little over 1% of the conference average salary as recommended by the *Discipline*. Plan rules only require a 2% increase or 0% from a recent Judicial Council decision. There is sufficient funding in the Pre-82 plan to fund this increase.

Petition**2. USE OF PRE-82 PLAN OVERFUNDING**

Resolved: keep the pre-82 pension funding ratio at 100% or greater. Excess funding beyond this ratio be sold per contract to another willing annual conference to help fund all or part of their Clergy Retirement Security Plan defined benefit annual contribution or successor plan and/or annual payment for Pre-82 Funding due at the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits on December 31st. Earnings from trust fund are only to be used for pension and benefit purposes of the Alaska Conference.

Explanation: In 2010 the annual conference adopted legislation that would set the funding ratio at 120%. Please refer to pages 41 and 42 of the *2010 Journal* for explanation about the use of these excess funds and where they came from.

There are six reasons for changing the overfunding rule;

- Removing or lowering the defined benefit component in future retirement plan. The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits will be bringing two retirement plan options to General Conference in 2012. One would provide a lower defined benefit component, this is their primary recommendation, and the other is a straight defined contribution plan. Going to a straight defined contribution plan would make it impossible to find another conference to sell pre-82 overfunding because it is not

possible to use pre-82 defined benefit excess to fund a defined contribution plan because they are not like plans. It could be possible to find another underfunded Conference for their pre-82 plan but there are not many of them and all the other over funded pre-82 conferences will be looking to do the same thing.

- Flexibility at the conference's control
- Excess funding left in the pre-82 plan is only available when plan is terminated.
- If pre-82 DB funding is required in future years excess would come from the Benefits Trusts Fund's liquid investments.
- Because of two year lag in actuarial valuations we will know what is required way ahead of time and will be able to plan investment mix accordingly to make the payment.
- The pre-82 funding ratio for 2011 as of 1/1/2009 considering the \$1,000,000 redirection in 2010 is 105% so following the current rule would restrict use of these excess funds in 2011.

Petition

3. PRE-82 PENSION FUNDING

Resolved: that the Alaska Annual Conference approve the 2011 pre-82 pension funding plan printed below along with written opinion of the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits as required by ¶1506.8 of the 2008 *The Book of Discipline*.

2011 Pre-82 Pension Funding

The 2011 past service rate (PSR) is \$642 or 1.0% of Conference Average Compensation (CAC). The conference intends to maintain the PSR at 1.0% or above CAC.

Under the new Clergy Retirement Security Program (CRSP) beginning in 2007 the minimum increase in PSR is 2%

As of January 1, 2009 for 2011, assuming 3% annual PSR increases, The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits' actuarial valuation of the plan for the Conference shows more assets than benefit obligations.

The funding plan as of January 1, 2009 is summarized below.

	Total Liabilities	Plan Funding	Funding Ration	
Assuming 3% PSR increases	\$2,601,173	\$3,599,651	138%	Pre-82 Plan Funding
Assuming 7% interest and the RP-2000 mortality table				

In 2010 the annual conference adopted legislation that would allow redirection of the Pre-82 Plan so long as the Pre-82 Plan funding ration remains at 120% or above. A proposal will be coming to the 2011 annual conference to strike the 120% or above funding ratio to just read excess funding.

According to the final actuarial valuation of 1/1/09 for 2011 there will only be \$143,157 assuming a 3% funding plan to redirect with \$23,776 designated for additional MPP annuity funding. In future years it will be attempted to redirect all the excess Pre-82 funding. In 2010 \$1,000,000 was redirected to another annual conference in exchange for cash that was deposited in CRSP Trust Fund investment with the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits.

Letter from General Board of Pension and Health Benefits

Attached is a copy of the funding plan for 2011 submitted for the portion of the Supplement One to the Clergy Retirement Security Program attributable to the Alaska (AUMC) Annual Conference.

The total Liability as of January 1, 2009, for 2011 is \$2,601,173 based on the following key actuarial assumptions:

7% interest

RP-2000 mortality table

Past Service Rate of \$642 and

3% average increase in the Past Service Rate

In the opinion of The General Board of Pension and Health Benefits of the United Methodist Church, the attached funding plan meets the funding requirements of Paragraph 1506.8 of "The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2008". This opinion applies only to the attaché funding plan.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Featherstone'

Actuarial Service Department.

Enclosure: 2011 Pre-82 Pension Funding Plan

E. Council on Finance and Administration – Linda Dunham

Purpose: to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the annual conference.

On behalf of the Alaska United Methodist Conference, CCF&A would like to recognize and thank the churches of the Conference for faithfully funding the ministries of our conference and of the worldwide United Methodist Church. We recognize challenge apportioned giving presents – may we all continue to seek ways for these dollars to make a difference for God's people.

Recommendations:

- 1) Yearly requests for funding from the Alaska United Methodist Conference budget should, whenever possible, be submitted to the AUMC-CFA prior to the AUMC Winter Meetings. Requests for the 2012 budget shall be submitted to the CCFA no later than the conclusion of Winter Meetings 2011.
- 2) For 2012, the apportionment grade figure used to determine local church apportionments will be the average over a three-year period of one-sixth of the membership grade figure and five-sixths of the local church expenses. The 2012 grade point figure will be based on the statistics recorded in the 2008, 2009, and 2010 *Journals of the Alaska United Methodist Conference*.

Note: The recommendation for the 2013 apportionment grade figure will be based solely on local church expenses, with membership removed completely.

(The local expense grade figure is each church's local expenses divided by the total local expenses of all churches.) Local church expenditures include clergy support plus 25% of the pastor's salary as established by the Church / Charge Conference if the pastor is provided a parsonage and all other church expenses excluding:

1. Rent payment for church facilities
 2. Principle and interest paid on indebtedness
 3. Payments on building improvements
 4. Non-apportioned benevolences paid by the local church
 5. Apportionments
- 3) All churches are strongly encouraged to pay their apportionments in 10 equal installments beginning in January and ending in October.
 - 4) Apportionments for new churches will be scheduled following their charter according to this formula:
 - a. Year One: No apportionments
 - b. Year Two: 1/3 of regular apportionments
 - c. Year Three: 2/3 of regular apportionments
 - d. Year Four: Full apportionments
 - 5) There shall be a General Fund established, maintained, and administered by the Council on Finance and Administration. The Fund Balance shall provide working capital (cash flow) for the operation of the Conference, emergencies, and unexpected needs that arise from time to time. The annual net operating results in the Connectional Clergy Support, Connectional Administration, World Service and Conference Benevolence, and other General Funds not otherwise designated will

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- provide the basis for this Fund.
- 6) The following general budgeted funds will have designated fund balances. The annual net operations of these funds will be transferred to the respective designated fund balance rather than revert to the General Fund:
- a. Office Furniture & Equipment Replacement Fund
 - b. Delegate Expenses
 - c. Quadrennial Training Travel Fund
 - d. Health Insurance Fund
 - e. Pension Subsidy Fund
 - f. Annual Conference Meeting Fund
 - g. Emergency Maintenance Fund
 - h. Mission Aid Fund
 - i. Moving Fund
 - j. Equitable Compensation Fund
 - k. Property Maintenance Fund
- 7) All persons traveling for the Alaska United Methodist Conference meetings of Committees, Commissions, and for the Annual Conference are expected to travel at the lowest possible fare, including advanced ticket purchases, partnership tickets and PFD tickets when available. While the use of the conference travel agent is available to all persons traveling on AUMC business, people are encouraged to do their own research and purchasing of tickets in order to find the lowest possible fare, submitting the receipt to the Conference Treasurer for reimbursement. Any fare submitted for reimbursement that is deemed by the Conference Treasurer not to be the lowest possible fare will be reimbursed only to the power of the lowest possible fare.
- 8) The following have been designated as Alaska United Methodist Conference Advance Specials:
- a. Alaska Children's Services
 - b. Birchwood Camp
 - c. Eagle River Camp
 - d. Nome Community Center
 - e. Alaska Pacific University
- All members of the Alaska United Methodist Conference are strongly encouraged to bring to the attention of United Methodists in Alaska these opportunities for giving.
- 9) An Emergency Maintenance Loan Fund was established by action of the 1996 Annual Meeting of the AMC for loans to local churches for emergency assistance with property, under policies developed by the Board of Trustees under the Administrative Unit.
- 10) It shall be the policy of the Alaska United Methodist Conference to pay 100% of all General Conference Apportionments. These funds are: Episcopal Fund, General; Conference Administration, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund, World Service Fund, Ministerial Education Fund, Black College Fund, Africa University Fund.
- F. Commission on Equitable Compensation – Richard Whetsell**
- Minimum Salary for 2012 will be \$38,402.00
 - Minimum cash base compensation will include:
 - a. Cash Salary
 - b. Social Security Allowance
 - c. Tax Sheltered Annuity Contributions
 - d. The distribution of Minimum Salary among the items in a-c above shall be determined between the pastor and the charge.
 - Additions to Minimum Salary:
 - a. Experience Factor—add \$200 per service year from date of ordination as a Deacon.
 - b. In keeping with ¶359.6, retired clergy appointed to serve a charge in the AUMC will not have a claim on the minimum salary, including the experience factor.

- Area Cost of Living Adjustment—add the following amounts:

- i. Anchorage 0%
- ii. Fairbanks 5%
- iii. Juneau 5%
- iv. Girdwood 7.5%
- v. Kenai Peninsula 10%
- vi. Ketchikan 10%
- vii. Nome 45%
- viii. Sitka 10%
- ix. Unalaska 45%
- x. Wasilla 0%
- xi. Willow 10%

- Other Considerations:

- a. A parsonage and full utilities or reasonable housing allowance shall be provided to pastors serving full-time appointments
- b. A local transportation allowance shall be provided to meet actual pastoral expenses in each situation
- c. A minimum of \$1,000 for Continuing Education expenses shall be provided

- Equitable Compensation Fund for 2012 \$35,000

- a. To receive support from the Equitable Compensation Fund a church must have approval from the AUMC Superintendent and the Commission on Equitable Compensation.
- b. If a church desires paid staff beyond the pastor, no request for Equitable Compensation support will be granted without a staffing plan and budget approved by the Commission and the Superintendent.
- c. Support from the fund is not available to any church which provides a compensation package exceeding the minimum for its location without the approval of the Commission and the Superintendent.
- d. The amount of support provided to any church from the fund will be negotiated among the charge, the Commission, and the Superintendent.
- e. The Superintendent will present annually to the Administrative Unit at its winter meeting in its capacity as the Commission on Equitable Compensation a plan developed by each charge in the AUMC receiving support from the Equitable Compensation Fund. The plan will address at least the following questions:

- i. Can this charge reasonably forecast a time when, to provide for its pastor, direct financial support from the AUMC will not be required? If so, in what period of time can this be accomplished and what steps will be taken in order to bring this about?
- ii. If this charge cannot forecast a time when Equitable Compensation Fund support will not be required to maintain a full time pastor, are there other viable options for ministry in this place that will allow a self-supporting ministry, such as, but not limited to, merger of UM churches (¶ 2545), ecumenical shared ministry (¶ 207-211), or circuit or cooperative parish relationship with other UM churches (¶ 205.2)?
- iii. If the forecast for this charge is that it will, for the foreseeable future, require AUMC support from the Equitable Compensation Fund to maintain a full time pastor, and no cooperative relationship is possible that will help, and a state of permanent financial dependency on the AUMC is necessary and desirable, then the special circumstances of the charge that create this need and prevent financial independence shall be described in the plan.

2010 Minimum Salary Support Report:

Nome Community UMC	\$26,139.00
Ninilchik St. Peter the Fisherman	\$900.00
Palmer	\$10,000.00

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Unalaska	\$16,132.00
Willow	\$10,000.00

G. Professional Ministries Unit – Karen Martin Tichenor

It has been a full year for our Conference PMU. There are many hats that we wear; District committee which includes working with our Local Pastors and candidates for ministry as well as those going through the commissioning process as support to the 'home' conference they will establish, Superintendency committee, Episcopacy committee, overseers of care for those serving under appointment, and a few more as needed. It keeps us busy.

In this past year we have implemented a new mentoring program for our new clergy among us. We partnered someone reasonably close and knowledgeable about their region that could be available for questions, resourcing, get together if possible and be a companion through their first year as needed. I believe that has gone fairly well. There was also an orientation that Leila put together for our new folks to help them transition. Thank you Leila!

Our annual Church Worker's Retreat was held Feb. 23-25, 2011 at the Holy Spirit Center in Anchorage. The Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath was our keynote speaker and very inspiring at that. Any who went to the Ecumenical worship Friday evening the 25th had a taste of what we enjoyed a couple of days before. Those days also gave us some time to fellowship and feast with each other which is always good. Thank you to Rose for her hospitality gifts. We are also losing Rose from our committee this year with great sadness for us. You have served the Conference and PMU well, Rose, and we thank you!

It was determined that both our Superintendent and Bishop are doing well overall in their positions in relating to congregations and those in appointment.

There has been a decision made to let go of being the connection to Doug Lindsey in his campus ministry in Anchorage. Finances are a driving factor in this. See his report for more details.

The learning curve is a good one on this committee and I want to thank all the members. You have been grand with staying in contact when the need has arisen.

H. Ministerial Education Fund – Rose McLean

MEF funds are available for continuing education for persons under appointment: \$500/person/quadrrennia is the limit. Beginning July 1, Sue McClure will be the contact person.

I. Lay Leaders Report – Lonnie Brooks

One of the principal items of business before us at this annual conference of the Alaska United Methodist Conference will be to prepare to take our place in the connectional work of The United Methodist Church that happens at the quadrennial meeting of the General Conference (GC12) which will take place in Tampa, Florida, over about a ten day period in April and May of next year.

We prepare by doing two things: 1) We elect those persons who will represent us at GC12, and 2) We decide what petitions we will choose to send to GC12 for decision.

At GC12, the Church will be making decisions in response to the growing crisis we can no longer ignore about the decline in overall participation in our churches in the United States. We can no longer ignore it, because in inevitable fashion, a decline in receipts has come to keep pace with the roughly fifty year decline in participation.

Closer to home, here in Alaska we are engaged in a study with our nearest neighbors in the UM Connection to determine what the best way might be for us to relate to one another as we look at the plan proposed by our Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops to include the AUMC, the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, and the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference in one episcopal area.

It is part of my calling to ensure that as we make these decisions the voice of the laity is at the table and effective in shaping the outcome.

J. Commission on Archives and History – Larry Hayden

In 2011 the AUMC observes its 125th anniversary. Churches have come and gone but the mission remains. We celebrate the 50th anniversary of Ketchikan's and Nomes' new buildings, done in 1961. Rev. Luther Oconer has assisted with an update to the history link on the Conference website. LaVern Beck, Phyllis Sullivan and Larry Hayden have been diligent in filing newsletters, newspaper clippings, mailings, and other relevant reference material in the space provided at East Anchorage UMC.

The Commission received a number of requests for documentation which required some research but most were successfully found. Anyone is welcome to research in our collection. Reserve time in advance with LaVern Beck at 333-1140.

Continuous contact is kept with the Western Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History as well as headquarters at Drew University. A listserv is available upon request if interested.

The major project for the Commission was to assemble a collection of newsletters that had been put out by Alaska Impact (Rev. Heacock). This 400-page publication was distributed to religious groups and libraries interested in peace, justice and environmental quality.

We hope churches will recognize Heritage Sunday by doing a program on the theme: Ministry with the Poor. See www.gcah.org

We thank the AUMC for its full support each year.

K. Lay Speakers– Leila Disburg

We have implemented a new structure of leadership this past year. Leila Disburg, DCM is serving as the Director of Lay Speaking. Each region has a coordinator to plan and implement programming: Kenai: Marti Slater; Southcentral: Betty Burke; Northern: Phyllis Sullivan; Southeast: Evelyn Erbele.

There have been a number of lay speaking opportunities offered including: Basic Lay Speaking at the Samoan UMC in Anchorage, Advanced Lay Speaking – Leading Small Groups at the UMC of Chugiak, Basic and Advanced Lay Speaking courses at Community UMC in Nome (this was led by a woman from the lower 48 who volunteered her time, air fare, and materials).

We look forward to a Basic Lay Speaking Course to be offered in the fall at Birchwood Camp.

L. Native Ministries – Charlie Brower

We discussed the possibility of Licensed Local Pastor (UMC), Certified Lay Preacher (Presbyterian) and other training programs offered as potential answers to rural communities currently experiencing lack of pastors and church leaders. Charles Brower attended a weeklong Certified Lay Preacher class on preaching and services at the Utqiavik Presbyterian Church in Barrow last fall. He also attended Pastoral Care and Counseling the first week of March 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church of Anchorage. The third class on the Bible (Old and New Testaments) given at the Fairbanks First Presbyterian was also attended.

We continue to communicate with the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska and the Yukon Presbytery to discuss curriculum for Native training as certified or licensed lay preachers for consideration to serve in ecumenical settings challenging most main line denominations in rural Alaska. Participants include Rev. Betty Peter (Episcopal-Tanana), Rev. James Nageak (Presbyterian-Anaktuvik Pass), Rev. MaryAnn Warden (Presbyterian- Kaktovik), Rev. Rex Okakok (Presbyterian- Barrow), and Walter and Martha Larson (Moravian Lay Leaders-Bethel) and Charles Brower.

We continue considering our existing programs, highlighting Giving Voice and plans for Native American Sunday. Native American Sunday is normally scheduled for mid-April coinciding with spring subsistence gathering for many Alaska Natives. Scheduling for a different time might be advantageous for committee members to participate in our churches. Currently about 30% of funds given for Native American Sunday are directed for overhead

expenses by GBOD. Discussions are ongoing within Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, Western Jurisdiction Interethnic Coordinating Committee and the General Commission on Christian Unity & Interreligious Concerns on how best to make these overhead funds be redirected for Native American programs.

The Southeast Regional Program Council regularly invites local Native Elders to their meetings to hear of local Alaska Native concerns and cultural situations at each of their meetings. The Native Ministries Committee strongly supports this advocacy and will continue participation at their meetings as invited.

Giving Voice moved from a "listening" gathering of elders to a "doing" phase of planning for the training of Alaska Native Lay Leaders. We communicated with the Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, Yukon Presbytery, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and Moravian Lay leaders on meeting to discuss Native Lay Leader training as certified or licensed lay preachers for consideration to serve in ecumenical settings challenging most main line denominations in rural Alaska. This meeting continues the earlier discussion held with Native elders under the Giving Voice gathering. In keeping with the new direction of this active new ministry, we are considering changing the gathering's name from "Giving Voice" to one more action directed. This year's gathering recommended seeking new partners with Native Ministry focus including the Alaska Friends and Covenant Church. Of particular interest are the Alaska Friends Quarterly meetings which draw many participants from across Alaska including persons of other denominations. Their program and its success in drawing many Alaska Natives is a positive model to consider.

M. New Ministries – Jon Disburg

The New Ministries Committee distributed over \$20,000 in grants in 2010. Grants were received by churches in every Region in the Conference to fund new ministry initiatives ranging from new programs and both Birchwood and Eagle River camps to recovery ministries for the addicted. The New Ministries Committee looks to redefine both its form and function to align with the Conference restructuring happening in the next few years.

N. Communications – Jim Doeppen

Since the 2010 Annual Conference session in Anchorage, your communications committee has been addressing six projects:

1. We have been working on keeping the conference website updated with documents to download and content that would be of interest to our clergy.
2. We have been working on a new website design, which (we hope) will be ready to introduce at Annual Conference 2011 in Homer.
3. We have continued work with a graphic designer over Conference Materials.
4. We have begun work on a video project for the conference, which will highlight each of our churches and ministries. This could be used as a fundraising or recruiting tool.
5. We promoted "Church is a Verb Sunday" which was held on August 22, 2010 and will promote a "Church is a Verb Weekend" for August 20-21, 2011. This is in response to our denomination's Rethink Church campaign.
6. We have continued with our regular communication via the "Aurora Witness" and "The E-Aurora.

We look forward to serving you for another year and anticipate being able to use our new web site as a more effective communication tool.

O. Conference Coordinating Council (CCC) – Charles Martindell

Continuing its focus on guiding the work of the Regional Program Councils and conference working units to implement the conference's strategic plan and mission priorities, the CCC met during the past year in October and February. Mission priorities for 2011-2012 will focus on two areas: a Clean Water Initiative for Haiti and a Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder initiative for Alaska. Other areas of the work of the CCC during this past year include ongoing development of a policy for the use of the Legacy Fund and the development of

recommendations for restructuring the Alaska United Methodist Conference (through a subcommittee working with Bishop Hagiya) that would be brought to Annual Conference.

P. Conference Secretary of Global Ministries – Terence Erbele

Thank you for your generosity in giving through the Advance Specials. In 2009 the Alaska Conference gave \$72,638.41. In 2010 there was a significant increase: \$92,552.88. Through May 2011 the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM) had received \$73,760.73. Whether it be for relief work or for a regular project in some part of the world we can be assured that 100% of our gift will go to the desired designation. All of the overhead is paid for by our apportionments and by One Great Hour of Sharing.

The United Methodist Church has four areas of focus for this quadrenium: Engaging in Ministry with the Poor, Stamping Out the Killer Diseases of Poverty by Improving Health Globally, Creating New Places for New People and Renewing Existing Congregations, and Developing Principled Christian Leaders for the Church and the World.

The General Board of Global Ministries has been and is concentrating its creativity, resources and programs in these areas and calls on all United Methodists to be actively involved.

This past year Fran Lynch has led the Willow Church in entering a Covenant Relationship with Krista Givens who is a GBGM Missionary serving an international congregation in Hamburg, Germany. The Covenant Relationship program allows churches, no matter the size, to have a special relationship with a GBGM missionary. More information can be found at www.gbgm-umc.org. I encourage every church to establish one or more Covenant Relationships with a GBGM as a way to participate in the world-wide efforts to further God's Kingdom.

Also on this website you can sign up to receive a monthly electronic newsletter called "ConnectNmission". This is an excellent tool to keep up to date on what our church is doing in the United States and internationally. One can also be informed about the work of GBGM through Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Q. Outdoor Ministries – Von Cawvey

Eagle River Camp, Hope Retreat Center, and Birchwood Camp continue to work together to promote camping as a way to build community and to see God in our natural world. With all of the distractions and demands on life, simply being at one of our camps or retreat center can calm the soul. If you have never been or if it has been way too long, I encourage you to visit and experience the spiritual renewal that a camping environment provides.

Last fall's meeting of the OMC was hosted by the Eagle River Camp in Southeast, just north of Juneau. This meeting provided members a chance to meet the Camp's governing body, to see and appreciate the facilities, and to share ideas on programming and management. The hospitality in Southeast is always superb and very much appreciated by the visitors. One of our big efforts this past year was to put the final touches on our Conference camping brochure – look for it soon in a church near you.

The Outdoor Ministries Committee wishes to thank the Conference for the financial support provided to our camps and retreat center this past year. This funding has greatly relieved our financial pressures and helps sustain the ministry and hospitality of the camps within the conference and the local communities. As always, your prayers and ideas are appreciated as we work toward the common goal of providing Outdoor Ministry opportunities to the Alaska United Methodist Conference.

R. United Methodist Women – Julia Smith

The Assembly of United Methodist Women was held in St. Louis, Mo. April 30 – May 2, 2010. It was a joy to have 24 Alaska UMW members attending this international event, which is held every four years as a celebration for all United Methodist Women. The Assembly vision statement:

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As United Methodist Women who are disciples of Jesus
Christ we are called to share ...

FAITH

Our belief in the promise of a new heaven and a new earth.

HOPE

Our expectation of needs met for all.

LOVE

Our sisterhood of grace and our embodiment of justice.

IN ACTION

We find fulfillment of Faith. Hope. Love in the name of Jesus Christ.

At the Pacific Regional School of Christian Missions conference leaders took one of three studies, *The Beauty and Courage of Sudan, Joy to the World! A mission study*, and *For the Love of God; The Epistles of John*. We were very fortunate to have Pastor Kay Shock lead the Bible study.

The Annual Meeting was held at Meier Lake and was combined with the Mission Education Event. Women were able to experience 8 hours of study along with worship, fellowship, and celebration. The Racial and Social Justice Awards were given to Kathy Harris for her work toward abolishing the death penalty in the United States, and to Bunti Reed for her work providing camping experiences for children of incarcerated parents. Seventeen of the nineteen churches, which have organized Units of UMW, were represented at the Annual Meeting.

AUMCUMW gave \$21,130.10 in 2010 to Mission Giving and other designated giving including UMCOR, Alaska Children's Services and Nome Community Center.

S. United Methodist Men – Jim LaBau and Charles Brower

Background:

As of the end of 2010, there were 1,392 male members in the Alaska United Methodist Conference, of which 96 (6.9% of all men) were counted as being involved in United Methodist Men UMM. This compares to the 2,206 female members, of which 314 (14% of all women) were counted as involved in United Methodist Women (UMW). UMM is reported to have raised \$5,792 in 2010, as compared to \$44,148 raised by UMW.

Activities of UMM during the past year:

Some of the more important UMM activities in the past year include:

Newly Chartered

Turnagain UMC chartered their UMM group with an initial membership of 10. Bud Walters is the president of the group, better known at Turnagain as the A Team.

A visit to the Juneau and Douglas Area UMM

On June 19, 2010, Jim LaBau sponsored a UMM breakfast at the Baronof Hotel in Juneau to bring the Juneau churches up to speed on UMM activities statewide and nationally. There were 11 local UMM in attendance from the Douglas UMC and Northern Light Union Churches. In the afternoon, Jim LaBau participated in a work party at the Southeast Alaska Methodist Camp at Eagle River. There was an increase in the 2010 statistics for UMM in these two churches over the 2009 statistics, going from 8 reported to 16—a doubling of the number reported in 2009.

Men's Retreat at Hope Retreat Center

On April 2, eleven local area UMM joined in a 1 day retreat at Hope Center under the leadership of Rev. Jim Doeppen of Girdwood Chapel and delved into the very inspirational book "Unchristian." Good fellowship, good message, and good food (provided by Walt Hays) were enjoyed by all. Men from four UM Churches attended (Girdwood Chapel, St. John, Turnagain, and Willow).

Continuing to Publish a Quarterly UMM Newsletter for Alaska

Co-Chair of Alaska UMM, Charles Brower, ably formulates for distribution, a quarterly newsletter highlighting activities and pictures of Alaska UMM activities. A special thank you goes out to Charles for this effort.

Upcoming Activities of UMM:

On June 2, Alaska UMM will be sponsoring a breakfast in Homer for the Homer UMM to bring that group up to speed on state and national UMM activities. Similar events are being considered for Fairbanks and the Matanuska Valley churches.

T. Volunteers in Mission – Lori Staats

Alaska continues to be a much sought after destination for volunteer teams. Many of your congregations and agencies have welcomed teams this year, and that is appreciated. Not only do the sites benefit from the expertise of the team, the team has a wonderful chance to visit our beautiful state. Many of you will be welcoming teams this year, and I know the teams will do great things. While it is often difficult to think of projects more than a year in advance, I have teams contacting me now asking for work sites for 2012. If you would like to host a team please contact me so I can get specifics on your needs.

I would also like to hear from you if you are planning to send an UMVIM team from your church, either within Alaska or outside of the state.

I look forward to hearing from you about your UMVIM plans.

U. Disaster Preparedness - Cindy Roberts

Inherited- As part of my appointment to the Alaska Conference, I have been able to bring with me a willingness to serve on the Disaster Preparedness committee. The committee currently has a Chairperson (me) and Rev. Dan Wilcox is the other committee person. We would gladly welcome other committee members who would help us meet the goal of having representation from all the Regional areas in the Conference.

Assessment- I have received no current Disaster Plans from any local church, and know that the conference has no adopted Disaster plan.

Training- I attended the National Disaster Preparedness Academy at Sager-Brown, UMCOR Depot in Louisiana, November 2010. The work of the committee continues implementing the guidelines that have been set through the denomination and UMCOR. Our goal is for churches to be prepared for a disaster at the local church level and to be prepared as a part of the larger disaster preparedness network.

Continuing process- Currently I have suggested the adoption, by the Alaska Conference, of a Disaster Preparedness plan based on the Pacific Northwest Conference Plan but it needs to be revised to suit the Alaska Conference's slightly different ecclesial structure. The Alaska Conference office is involved in this revision process.

Outcome- It is my hope that at this annual Conference the revised plan will be available for adoption by the Annual Conference.



Photo by Luther Oconer

Esther assists during a worship service

V. Conference Related Agency Reports

1. Alaska Children's Services – Kelli Williams

"Come to the edge," he said.
They said, "We are afraid."
"Come to the edge," he said.
They came.
He pushed them.
And they flew.

-from Guillaume Apollinaire

Greetings from Alaska Children's Services! The above quote lives in my daytimer. When I saw our Annual Conference theme of 'Come to the Edge,' I immediately thought of it. I am so grateful to God for the ministry we share! Indeed, God sometimes calls us to the scary edge of the unknown. But together we are called to provide hope in troubled young lives. And I am reminded that the will of God will never lead us where the grace of God cannot keep us. Together with God we fly!

Thank you for all the ways you share your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness with ACS! We are ever-so grateful for the Alaska United Methodist Conference's continued support of the ACS mission! Thanks to all who pray for our students as members of our weekly e-mail prayer chain. Thanks to congregations and individuals who financially support our Spiritual Life ministry. Thanks also to Rev. David Beckett, Kerry Cole-Madden and David Stratton for their faithful service as members of our board of directors. Your contributions make you an important part of providing hope in troubled young lives. The ACS Spiritual Life program relies on church support to be able to continue our work in ministry for children and families suffering from abuse, neglect, discord and emotional instability in their lives.

It is a time of great change at ACS. We have come to the edge of something new. After 19 years of faithful leadership as our President and CEO, Jim Maley is retiring and moving back home to Colorado. His commitment to our mission, his zest for life and his fun-loving ways will be sorely missed. We welcomed Denis McCarville as our new President & CEO on February 14, 2011. We look forward to the time together at Annual Conference when you can meet Denis.

At Annual Conference, please pray for our shared ministry. Please also consider signing up for the ACS Spiritual Life Liaison program or the e-mail prayer chain if you have not already.

Lastly, United Methodist offerings to ACS this past year were \$26,964.00. ACS budgeted UMC giving at \$50,000.00 last fiscal year, (as you can see, a deficit of over \$23K). Thank you for all your gifts, and remember that the ministry of the ACS Spiritual Life Program depends upon church contributions.

We're so grateful for ACS's deep and historic connection to the United Methodist Church. We look forward to another fruitful year of ministry together, providing hope in troubled young lives.

2. Birchwood Camp

In 2010 Birchwood Camp continued to focus on the ministry of building community on common ground and providing opportunities for self-discovery and faith formation. Under the leadership of camp directors Stephen & Marie Sweezey, the camp hosted 5352 overnight and day guests throughout the year, continuing to increase its presence in the community of south-central Alaska. Birchwood Camp held six United Methodist camping programs including a new winter camp for teens. These programs reached 155 campers of various ages. Birchwood Camp realizes the importance of providing spaces to "disconnect" and rest in the midst of our fast paced world; as one youth camper expressed: "Once you are away from electronics, you really can hear God!"

Birchwood Camp continued to grow in 2010 with additional work completed towards the new multipurpose building: Fireweed Hall. Three VIM teams came up to work on the Fireweed Hall, and the upstairs of the space is very close to completion. Over 7700 volunteer hours were logged at Birchwood Camp in 2010, with many of these hours going towards the capital project. Birchwood Camp is happy to report that no debt has been incurred in the construction of Fireweed Hall due to the generous donations of many including Rasmussen Foundation and Friends of Birchwood Camp who provided a \$25,000 matching grant in 2010. Thank you to all those who supported this project; the camp will be fundraising to furnish and finish the interior in 2011. The downstairs of Fireweed Hall will be completed in the next stage of the project in the coming years.

3. Eagle River Camp – Robert Chatfield

Eagle River United Methodist Camp had several projects completed that were made necessary by inconvenient circumstances in 2010.

The manager's cabin oil tank came off its cradle and spilled a large amount of oil that needed immediate containment and disposal. This required a backhoe to move the material, which also allowed for us to build a new drain field for the manager's cabin that was also desperately needed.

With donated funds and the labor of two VIM teams and local volunteers, an outdoor pavilion was completed and now we have a covered classroom space with a concrete floor and enough room to park our van in the winter.

This year we will have electric power made available to three recently built insulated cabins and the pavilion.

ERUMC sponsored two camps in 2010, one for younger children, Discovery Camp, and a camp for teens, Action Camp. Discovery Camp had 34 campers, 13 CITs, 18 Counselors. Action Camp had 12 campers and 5 adults.

Our camp deans have needed more support from the ERUMC Board and in 2011, we have hired a part time secretary to help with paperwork and registration forms. The two above mentioned camps are planned again for 2011.

A camp for children of incarcerated parents (Camp Champ) is being newly sponsored by the ERUMC this summer and we will have to see what volunteer help and funding donations will come forward. The conference is generously helping with some of the funding in this new venture.

4. Hope Retreat Center – John Meyn

Our main emphasis this year has been on usage of the facility and raising money for remodeling this summer. Jack Koontz with his VIM team from N. Carolina will be here from June 14th through June 27th to totally remodel the kitchen, replace rotten logs in the building, redo the bathroom, replace kitchen, living room, and bathroom floors, and replace eight windows. This will make the retreat center much nicer to use yet keep its rustic charm. The Wesley Motorcycle Riders headed by our superintendent Dave Beckett and eight other bikers made the trip from St. John UMC to the HRC in Hope raising \$300 and awareness of the retreat center. A color three fold brochure about the HRC has been made to help increase usage.

We have had a successful year in raising money for remodeling and in people using the facility.

5. Alaska Pacific University Campus Community Ministry - Doug Lindsay

Winter and Spring, 2011, saw many events and changes at the campus and conference levels. The weekly Monday evening ecumenical worship services and discussions continued through the Spring semester. The annual Community Easter Sunrise Service took place on Easter Sunday morning, April 24 – the beginning of Finals Week at both Alaska Pacific University and University of Alaska Anchorage. The service featured both student and staff musicians. The Spiritual Life Committee at Alaska Pacific University continued its monthly meetings and on-going work of supporting and enhancing the spiritual vitality of the university community. The Committee's support of an alternative Baccalaureate celebration led the Committee to support and partially underwrite a Friday evening on-campus Baccalaureate service and reception on April 29.

In February, the Professional Ministries Unit of The Alaska United Methodist Conference decided to discontinue the funding of the University Chaplain position at Alaska Pacific University and University of Alaska Anchorage, due to budget constraints. The Conference will stop financially supporting the position as of June 30, 2011. However, I am pleased to report that the work of University ministry will go on. Slightly over \$5,000 is left in the University Community Ministry account, which is independent of the Conference. That money will be given to Alaska Pacific University to continue to fund the chaplain's position for approximately one year. In addition, I am making myself available to both United Methodist and other congregations throughout the summer and fall of 2011, to do pulpit supply for vacationing clergy. I will be representing Alaska Pacific University and will provide information and admissions material for individuals interested in attending the University as an undergraduate or graduate student. Availability for preaching will be throughout the Anchorage, Kenai, and Mat-Su areas. However, the University is considering underwriting travel costs to other areas of Alaska to provide congregations with this opportunity to learn more about Alaska Pacific University. Therefore, the strong connection between the University and The United Methodist Church will continue, albeit in a new form.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ and the Church in this ministry. And I look forward to visiting you and your congregations throughout the remainder of 2011.

6. Nome Community Center – Lance E. Johnson

The Nome Community Center continues to make a strong impact locally with its social service programming. From serving as the only provider for the hungry (the Food Bank) to serving as the financial agent for the only emergency shelter program for the displaced to providing the only housing available for children removed from their homes, the Community Center is recognized as a leader in the provision of care and assistance for those who need it.

This past year, the Community Center was proud to serve as an international link between Native families in the region and their relatives in Russia. In cooperation with the National Park Service and Park Beringia in Provideniya, the agency provided a seven day international experience for twelve students and five adults (including translator) during the summer of 2010. Youth ages 14 years to 18 years visited Provideniya and New Chaplino for a cultural exchange with peers, leaders, and distant relatives. The insights gained and

experiences shared have greatly influenced the participants beyond the visit and across all borders.

The positive impacts on both groups, young and old, are many; however, one of the most impressive experiences we witnessed as Nome Community Center staff members is the number of shy and removed students who traveled with our group who flourished in their temporary environment. Students who lack self-esteem and rarely offer opinions became confident and vocal; one student – the only non-Native student – who had so much trepidation about her background was recognized as the best whale boat rower among our group; and one young man, troubled and in and out of Juvenile Detention (this author insisted he have this experience) – was adored by his host family, came out of his shell, and experienced a positive home environment for possibly the first time. He insisted New Chaplino was now his new home. He had a chance to start over.

I know we will never be able to fully share through words how positive this experience was for all involved, but I am glad we had the opportunity to offer it.

7. University of Alaska, Fairbanks United Campus Ministry – David Moore

We have good semesters when an International student is involved in our ministry. This year has been exceptional with students in our group representing Liberia, Taiwan, Iran, Thailand, South Korea and Kenya. Our Tuesday evening Vespers has been wonderful with attendance of over 20; we have had fantastic worship, fellowship, times of sharing and prayer. Each week we have a talk about growing spiritually and coping with college life. Music has been a blast this year with loads of guitar players, a new drum set, a flutist and a new female singer. We have had a lot of fun leading the group in worship, enjoying the fellowship of being a band and introducing new music.

We have had excellent Thursday Evening Dinner and Bible Studies. With about 15 to 20 students each week we enjoyed discussing and learning from Moses and the Israelites in the Book of Exodus. Students love a good home cooked meal and to be able to get away from campus.

On our Fall Retreat we ventured out to Globe Creek Camp just north of Fairbanks. Former UCMers Nate and Betsy Vonnahme shared the "Love Connection," discussing healthy relationships with others. Nate and Betsy really connected with our current young people and it was good to see students from 18 years ago mentoring current ones. On our Spring Retreat we went to Camp Bingle and our theme was Genesis chapter 2. Current students Margaret Raughley, Bethany McMilin, and Jess Morris shared the Message. They did an excellent job sharing about God as Light, that we are wonderfully made, and that God's love breaks down the Barriers.

We had a tremendous Spring Break Trip with fourteen students and five former students joining in on the fun. We worked hard at the "Empty Bowl" Fundraiser for Bean's Café. We bused tables, served soup and cornbread and helped with clean up. On Sunday morning we worshipped with the wonderful people of St. John United Methodist Church and that evening we joined with their praise band to lead the evening service. It is such a joy to stay at St. John; they take such wonderful care of our students.

We also enjoyed serving our community with service projects through Big Brothers/Big sisters, The Pioneer Home, Loving Companions Animal Rescue and the Fairbanks Food Bank.

The funds you allocate to U.C.M. are used to pay our part time office staff, provide food for Thursday night dinners, provide scholarships for retreats and trips, and pay the Director's salary. Thank you for all your support as we continue to reach out to our campus and share the love of Christ!

8. Willow Church and Community Ministry - Fran Lynch

This is the first ever Willow Church and Community Ministry Annual Report. We have now gone a full year without me traveling to Anvik and Grayling. This has allowed the growth in the ministry in Willow that we knew would happen. The Food Bank serves an

average of 140 families each month. We also participate in 3 government food programs. One of these is the Summer Feeding Program for Children. We partner with the Willow Public Library to provide a meal to all those who attend the Summer Reading Program on Thursdays. We added a mobile route to this program and take books and lunches about 20 miles north to the Caswell Lake area. We provided Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to 150 families. During Christmas families also received new clothes and toys. We received an award from the Food Bank of Alaska that is given to an agency who excels in providing food to clients through the Client Choice method. This was an honor to receive. We have also received praise from the Food Bank of Alaska for implementing the mobile route with the Summer Feeding program. This was a first in Alaska and they would like to use it as a model for other communities. We are working to strengthen the connections in the Willow community to support the Food Bank program by working with area churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals for donations and food drives. We also provide gas vouchers, fire wood, heating fuel, propane, assistance with utility bills, and home repair. VIM teams help local families cut fire wood and do the home repair.

Of the 25 regular volunteers in the program only about 1/3 are members of Willow UMC. This means that many volunteers are members of other churches or do not attend any church. We have found that this group of volunteers has formed a connected group that prays for and cares for each other. This also means that a larger body of the Willow and Houston community feel like they belong to the program and the program belongs to them. That is the heart of Church and Community Ministry. The support of the Alaska Conference of the UMC is greatly appreciated.

W. Reports of General Boards and Agencies

1. General Board of Higher Education and Ministry – Lonnie Brooks

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry is the agency of the Church that cares for two important aspects of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. It is thus structured into two divisions, the Division of Higher Education and the Division of Ordained Ministry. After going through a crisis in top level management, it looks now as though the board is on a path to continuing its strong leadership of these two ministries. Dr. Jerome King Del Pino, who led the board as General Secretary for almost twelve years, retired early, and he has been replaced by Dr. Kim Cape, a clergy woman who is a member of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference. Dr. Gerald Lord was brought on staff as Associate General Secretary to direct the Division of Higher Education, and Sharon Rubey has agreed to come out of retirement to fill the post of interim AGS of the Division of Ordained Ministry as the search continues for a permanent replacement.

The board contracted an outside consultant who did an operational audit, which the board received and commended to Dr. Cape for her use in proposing any structural changes she thinks will be required optimally to shape the board for continuing its work.

Please keep this important ministry of the Church in your prayers, and if you know someone who ought to be considered for service in leading the Division of Ordained Ministry, please let me know about it.

2. Women's Division – Jo Anne Hayden, Women's Division Director

In May of last year, many women from the conference participated in Assembly 2010, "Faith, Hope, Love in Action," in St. Louis, Missouri and I was honored to speak during the event about Della Waghiyi, the first Alaskan native elder ordained in the United Methodist Church.

Last summer I assisted the Women's Division property manager and Treasurer in meeting with a variety of people in Anchorage, Seward, and Nome as information was collected relative to options for taking care of the vacated Wesley Rehabilitation Center (Women's Division property) in Seward among other things. Then in the fall, the Women's Division Directors approved demolition of the vacated facility, which has already been

completed, while also providing a grant to Alaska Children Services for wiring and fiber optics upgrades.

Women's Division continues to work on our long range planning while strengthening our National Mission Institutions and Deaconess and Home Missioner connections.

The organization continues to maintain mission program expenditures while financial resources supportive of our missionary conference UMW have not been able to be maintained at the same level.

An additional current responsibility I have is as a member of the Pacific Regional School Planning Team, which plans and facilitates the annual delegated leadership event sponsored by Women's Division.

At least two women from our conference will attend the National Seminar this summer to "explore God's actions in the current moment in the world and dialogue about how we must respond."

Finally, UMW is working in partnership with UMM on an initiative to raise awareness and provide training within our congregations on domestic violence. A DVD titled "What Churches Can Do" along with a study guide can be borrowed from our UMW Conference Social Action Coordinator.

I continue to be appreciative of this opportunity to represent our conference and jurisdiction as a Women's Division Director.

3. Ministry Study Commission – Rose McLean

The Ministry Study Commission will conclude the work this summer by writing legislation for the 2012 General Conference including recommendations to terminate guaranteed appointment, move ordination earlier in the process, and consider term limits for bishops. I have served on this Commission for two quadrennia.

4. Curriculum Resources Committee – Rose McLean

Curriculum Resources Committee approves curriculum for the denomination. Persons are encouraged to look for the CRC symbol when ordering curriculum to ensure that the curriculum is appropriate for use for UMC. I have served on this committee for two quadrennia and am chair of the Children's Section.

X. Jurisdictional Boards and Committees

1. Western Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee – David Beckett and Lonnie Brooks

In each jurisdiction there is a Committee on Episcopacy made up of one lay and one clergy member of each annual or missionary conference in the jurisdiction. Our conference is represented by Dave Beckett and Lonnie Brooks. The task of the Committee is to advise and respond to the needs of the bishops of the jurisdiction, and to advise the jurisdictional conference on the episcopal area to which each bishop should be appointed. Our own situation in the Northwest is especially complicated as we look toward the coming jurisdictional conference, because the College of Bishops has announced that beginning in September 2012, the Alaska United Methodist Conference, the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference, and the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference will be served by one bishop located in an episcopal seat yet to be determined. Two bishops currently serve this region, our own Bishop Hagiya located in Seattle, and Bishop Robert Hoshibata located in Portland. Though it is not directly related to the Committee on Episcopacy, Bishop Hagiya and Bishop Hoshibata have appointed an Episcopal Area Transition Team, consisting of representatives of all three conferences, to work on issues concerning how the conferences will relate to one another in this new reality.

No decisions have been made by the Transition Team, which has met one time, but it is reasonably certain that merger of the conferences is not part of the conversation. However, the Committee on Episcopacy has stated its intent to announce on the first day of the Jurisdictional Conference its plan for assignment of the jurisdiction's five bishops.

We look forward to celebrating the retirement of Bishop Mary Ann Swenson at the Jurisdictional Conference in July 2012.

2. Western Jurisdictional Leadership Team 2010 - Jim Doeppen and Leila Disburg

Once again Jim Doeppen and Leila Disburg were your representatives to the meeting of the Western Jurisdictional Leadership Team meeting held January 24-25, 2011 in San Francisco. The meeting was preceded by a two day educational event around immigration.

The meeting included conversation about General Conference 2012 (April 24-May 4 in Tampa), Western Jurisdictional Conference 2012 (July 18-20, 2012, in San Diego), presentation on interim pastors, cross cultural appointments, course of study, United Methodists Volunteers in Mission by Heather Wilson, episcopacy committee and other reports.

Western Jurisdictional Conference 2012 will be different this time. The WJ Episcopacy committee plans to announce which bishop will go to each Episcopal area at the beginning of the conference. Since our jurisdiction along with all the others are losing one bishop we will not have need to elect any bishops. Bishop Swenson will be retiring.

Y. Reports from Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries

1. Alaska Pacific University – Don Bantz, President

Alaska Pacific University continues its historic relationship with The United Methodist Church in a variety of ways. The Mission Statement states that APU “nurtures spiritual and moral values consistent with its Christian heritage while respecting the religious convictions of all.” To this end, the Alaska Annual United Methodist Conference provides a part-time stipend to the university chaplain. Currently the Reverend Douglas Lindsay, an ordained United Methodist, spends time on campus each week, holding services, meeting with students, arranging for their involvement in community action projects, and assisting at times of particular need, both for the campus and for individuals. His participation in convocations, commencement and baccalaureate exercises, as well as other special events, makes him a familiar presence.

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the UMC annually provides \$500 to fund an Excellence in Teaching Award for an outstanding APU adjunct faculty member, presented at the spring awards assembly.

APU’s recently adopted strategic plan emphasizes recommitment to the vision of Alaska Methodist University founder, the Rev. Peter Gould—the first ordained Alaska Native Methodist clergyperson— who envisioned a liberal arts college for Alaska Native Peoples and all Alaskans. RANA, APU’s distance education program, has stood for APU’s Rural Alaska Native Adults. This year the *RANA* acronym has been retrofitted to reflect this: Recommitment to Alaska Natives for Achievement, Access, Advancement, Accomplishment. New hires of faculty and a student development counselor in Alaska Native Studies hail this initiative to serve Alaska Natives across all its undergraduate and graduate programs.

A second theme for the strategic plan is Sustainability of community and the environment. Without question, APU continues the tradition of integrating learning and service with a sacred commitment to advancing the well-being of the natural world and human family.

2. Candler School of Theology – Jan Love, Dean and Professor of Christianity and World Politics, Candler School of Theology

Candler School of Theology prepares *real* people to make a *real* difference in the *real* world. Our distinctive commitment to authentic discipleship and relevant ministry enables us to develop uniquely well-rounded leaders who are challenged academically, encouraged spiritually, and immersed in Christian service from the first day they arrive on campus.

As one of the 13 official seminaries of The United Methodist Church, Candler is grounded in the Christian faith and shaped by the Wesleyan tradition of evangelical piety, ecumenical openness, and social concern. As one of seven graduate professional schools of Emory University, Candler provides a rich context for learning and formation supported by the

extensive resources of a top-tier research university. As a school located in the major metropolitan area of Atlanta, Georgia, Candler offers students a learning laboratory that reflects the highly diverse communities of our 21st century world. There is no better place for ministry preparation that addresses our major denominational priorities: developing leaders, starting and growing churches, ministry with the poor, and improving global health.

Candler's student body continues to reflect the diversity and breadth of the Christian faithful. Our enrollment stands at 469, with 358 seeking the Master of Divinity, 67 the Master of Theological Studies, 16 the Master of Theology, 14 the Doctor of Theology, and 14 enrolled as Special, Non-Degree students. The total student population is 25% US ethnic minority, 9% international, and 52% women. Forty-six denominations are represented, with 52% of MDiv students being United Methodist. The median age of our entering class of MDiv students is 26, with 57% of total enrollment under thirty.

To ensure that our students are prepared for leadership in an increasingly global context, Candler continues its emphasis on internationalizing the curriculum. This fall, Rev. Dr. Beauty Maenzanise, dean of the theology faculty at Africa University in Zimbabwe, joined us as the 2010-11 McDonald Chair in the Study of Jesus and Culture, and the Rev. Dr. Margot Kaessmann, former head of the 14 million-member Protestant church in Germany, joined us for a semester as visiting Theologian-in-Residence. This year, Candler has academic exchange partnerships with theology schools across five continents and nine countries, including many related to The United Methodist Church. In addition to our ongoing summer internship program with the Methodist Church in the Bahamas, Candler once again partnered with International Relief and Development, Inc., to send eight student interns as far as Cambodia and as near as Gulfport, Miss., to address a broad range of issues, including democracy and governance, HIV/AIDS, child poverty and mortality, and community development. Travel seminars in 2010-2011 include the Middle East Travel Seminar in May-June and World Methodist Evangelism Institute evangelism seminars to the Philippines, India, and Colombia.

A hallmark of the Candler MDiv experience, the two-year Contextual Education program shapes our students' pastoral identities by interweaving service at ministry sites and churches with academic analysis in the classroom and spiritual reflection in pastor-led small groups. In any given week, Candler deploys more than 250 ConEd students throughout the region to minister to people in congregations, hospitals, and social service agencies. This year, we will expand Candler Advantage, a program designed to pay rising third-year MDiv students for summer internships in congregations so they can concentrate fully on honing their pastoral skills beyond the first two years of ConEd.

Candler's Lifelong Learning events strengthen the church by providing opportunities for clergy and lay leaders to learn more about the practice of ministry. Fall Conference 2010 focused on conflict transformation; the spring event featured poet, author, and funeral director Tom Lynch along with Candler's own Tom Long, addressing "The Good Funeral." The 2011 Fall Conference highlights "The Art of Preaching in the 21st Century," with a chance to learn from some of the most respected names in preaching.

In addition to our Lifelong Learning events, Candler oversees the educational process of more than 900 people each year through the Course of Study regional school and our five extension schools in the Southeast.

Despite today's challenging economic climate, Candler remains committed to making theological education financially possible for our students. Although our operating budget essentially remained flat this year, we increased our total financial aid investment to over \$5 million. Eighty-three percent of eligible students received Candler-based financial aid, with the average award covering 76 percent of tuition. In March, we hosted our third annual Leadership Candler event, an all-expenses-paid discernment experience that draws together top prospective MDiv students to explore the richness of life and study at Candler as they are considered for 30 top scholarships. In addition, Candler won a grant from the Carpenter Foundation to offer financial management training to our students. The grant also sponsored the public lecture series, "Simple Enough?" to explore the relationship between financial and spiritual well-being.

Featured speakers were popular United Methodist pastors and authors Adam Hamilton and Paul Escamilla.

Our esteemed faculty continues to distinguish itself at the highest levels. Dr. Luke Johnson won the prestigious Grawemeyer award in religion, Dr. Carol Newsom received a Luce grant from the Association of Theological Schools, and Dr. Jacob Wright received a medal of honor from the Collège de France in Paris. In addition to their achievements in scholarship and teaching, faculty members continually demonstrate their dedication to the church through preaching and teaching engagements and service in parishes both local and across the country and world.

We celebrate the outstanding achievements of two of our United Methodist faculty as they retire this year: Dr. Russ Richey and Dr. Brooks Holifield. Both are highly regarded for their extraordinary work in their areas of expertise—the history of Methodism and American Christianity, respectively—and for their service to our denomination, both at the local and national levels.

Candler draws considerable vitality and inspiration from its relationship with The United Methodist Church. Our ability to fulfill our mission of *educating faithful and creative leaders for the church's ministries in the world* depends upon your support, gifts, and prayers. Thank you for the countless ways you strengthen this essential ministry in the life of our denomination. We invite you to visit us in person in Atlanta or online at www.candler.emory.edu to see firsthand how Candler prepares *real* people to make a *real* difference in the *real* world.

3. Drew University - Kah-Jin Jeffrey Kuan, Dean and Professor of Hebrew Bible

My predecessor, Dean Maxine Beach, has said to me that Drew University Theological School is “a special place” on more than one occasion. Since coming to Drew, I have begun to see how right she is. It is a welcoming, hospitable, and caring community. We do not pretend to be a perfect community but we strive hard to welcome all who come through our doors and care for the *shalom*, the well-being, of each individual and as well as the Common Good.

Drew is “a special place” because of the many ways we seek to equip and empower leaders for Christian ministry through the numerous programs we offer:

- M.Div., S.T.M., M.A., M.A.Min., D.Min., and Ph.D.;
- Continuing Education opportunities for pastors and lay people;
- Internships through Communities of Shalom in Shalom zones world wide
- Partnership for Religious Education in Prisons program in a local men’s prison and women’s prison, where Drew students and inmates study and learn together;
- Certification in Spiritual Formation and Camp and Retreat;
- Cross-Cultural Courses in India, Turkey, El Salvador, Mexico, Taize, and Ghana;
- United Methodist Liaison and Deacon Liaison to assist students in their discernment.

In my first weeks, I have begun to visit churches and alumni in the vicinity. I believe very strongly that we can only do theological education *with* communities, both communities of faith and other kinds of communities that our alumni serve. In many ways, we owe a debt to our churches and other agencies that work *with* us to train and form our students for leadership.

We take pride in having a faculty that is perhaps one of the most diverse in theological education with an almost equal number of women and men. Our student body is equally diverse. We take seriously our United Methodist identity. Drew is well positioned to be a leading progressive United Methodist seminary. I welcome ongoing dialogue as we work together to shape a vision in equipping the saints for ministry. Together we can make Christian disciples that transform the world.

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VI. MEMORIAL ROLL

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Kenai Region

Homer UMC

Mary Thompson
Edward Hatfield
Richard Miller

Soldotna UMC

Lenora Pepin

Kenai UMC

Sam Huddleston
Ikuko Tidwell

Northern Region

Community UMC

Charlie Richardson
Christine Perkins
Tiny Carpenter

First UMC, Fairbanks

Pat Johnson
Richard Heacock Jr.
Marion Acord
Florence Ervin

New Hope Methodist/Presbyterian Church

Gloria Johnson

Willow UMC

Esther Phillips
Edwin Kent
Julia Weber

Southcentral Region

Anchor Park UMC

Robert LaBelle
Sione Tupou Nunu Vea

East Anchorage UMC

James "Jimmy" Lee
Thomas McVee

First Samoan UMC

Sioka Pogi

First UMC, Anchorage

Eric Pauley
Caroline Torgerson
Ebba Montgomery

Girdwood Chapel UMC

Stephen Joseph Pringle
Don Sherwood

Jewel Lake Parish

Ann Blackmore
Ruth Eng
Lois Sheary

St. John UMC

Betty Routh
Steven C. Muckey Sr.

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Turnagain UMC
Virginia Hilliker
Joan Flood
Dave Starkweather
Della Waghiji
UMC of Chugiak
Richard Howorth

Southeast Region

Aldersgate UMC
Chuck Bishop
Douglas Community UMC
Helen Laurent
James Brown
Helen Jo Poole
Julie Isaac
Fredrik Thorsteinson
Gladys O'Brien
First UMC, Ketchikan
Atsumi Adney
Northern Light United Church
June Pegues
Sally Lipson
Connie Paddock
Jay Ginter
Edna Williams
Walter Soboleff

VII. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF SESSIONS

[See 1966 JOURNAL, p. 83, for 1-25 Sessions of Alaska Mission]

[See 1971 JOURNAL, p. 110, for 26-30 Sessions of Alaska Mission]

[See 1980 JOURNAL, p. 117, for 1-9 Sessions of the Alaska United Methodist Conference]

[See 1985 JOURNAL, p. 102, for 10-14 Sessions of the Alaska United Methodist Conference]

[See 2003 JOURNAL, p. 60, for 15-30 Sessions of the Alaska United Methodist Conference]

No.	Year	Place	Presiding		
			Bishop	Superintendent	Secretary
31	2002	First, Anchorage	Paup	Holway, Lieder Simeon, Baker	Wingfield
32	2003	UMC of Chugiak	Paup	Holway, Lieder Simeon, Baker	Wingfield
33	2004	UMC of Chugiak	Paup	Holway, Lieder Simeon, Baker	Wingfield
34	2005	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
35	2006	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
36	2007	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Wingfield
37	2008	St. John UMC	Paup	Lieder Simeon	Lindsay-Hudgins
38	2009	St. John UMC	Hagiya	Holway	Lindsay-Hudgins
39	2010	Anchor Park UMC	Hagiya	Beckett	Lindsay-Hudgins
40	2011	Homer UMC	Hagiya	Becket	Erbele

VIII. CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF MINISTERS

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 [See 2004 JOURNAL for 2002-2004 Records]

Name	First Year of Appointment	Appointment
Allen T. Baggett	2005	Sitka
Linda Baggett	2005	Sitka
Dale Kelley	2005	Unalaska
Woo Shoung Park	2005	Anchorage Korean
Imelda Ramos	2005	Douglas Community
Thomas Telfer	2005	First, Fairbanks
Karen Martin Tichenor	2005	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Richard Whetsell	2005	Soldotna
Bonnie Campbell	2006	East Anchorage
John Campbell	2006	East Anchorage
Susan Knight	2006	Community, Nome
Jo Ann Schaadt	2006	St. John
Richard Smith (I)	2006	Seward Memorial/Moose Pass
Jon Disburg	2007	Anchor Park, East Anchorage
Leila Disburg	2007	Anchor Park, East Anchorage
Peter Perry	2007	Seward, Moose Pass
Donald Strait (I)	2007	Homer
Milo Thornberry	2007	Chugiak
Della Waghiji	2007	AUMC Elder in Residence
Daniel Wilcox	2007	Unalaska
David Elmore	2008	Community, Nome
Julie Yoder Elmore	2008	Community, Nome
Evelyn Erbele	2008	Ketchikan
Terence Erbele	2008	Ketchikan
Robert Hicks	2008	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Tori Hicks	2008	Christ First, Wasilla/Palmer
Charles Martindell	2008	Homer
Carlo Raputnut	2008	Chugiak
Judy Shook	2008	Aldersgate, Juneau
Martha Slater	2008	New Covenant, Kenai
Karen Martin Tichenor	2008	North Pole
David Beckett	2009	Superintendent
Leila Disburg	2009	Director of Connectional Ministries
John Dodson (I)	2009	St. John
Dale Kelley (I)	2009	Turnagain
Luther Oconer (I)	2009	Sitka
Kim Poole (I)	2009	Northern Light, Juneau
Paul Caseman	2010	Seward, Moose Pass
Dan Lush (I)	2010	Willow
Luther OConner	2010	Sitka

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Peter Perry	2010	St. John
Cindy Roberts	2010	Douglas
Phil Campbell	2010	Northern Light
Jenny Smith	2010	Anchor Park
Kris-Ann Wilcox	2010	Unalaska
Susan Boegli	2011	Aldersgate
Janice Carlton	2011	Kenai
Stephen Eldred (I)	2011	North Star, Nikiski
David Elmore	2011	Nome Community Center
Faatafa Fulumua	2011	Samoan Fellowship-East Anchorage
David Horning	2011	Fairbanks First
Dan Lush	2011	Willow
Ronald Myers	2011	Anchorage First
Lauren Kay Shock (I)	2011	Soldotna
Robert Smith	2011	Turnagain

IX. ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

A. Record of Ordained Ministers

*** Retired Elder

sa Special appointment from an Annual Conference to an institution in the Annual Conference

BECKETT, DAVID West Ohio
West Ohio: D 1981; E 1984. EDUCATION: Georgia State University, 1975; United Theological Seminary, 1982; Graduate Theological Foundation, D.Min, 1999.
APPOINTMENTS: Allentown and Hume, 1982; Allentown, 1985; Trinity (Associate), 1987; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Soldotna, 1991; St. John, 1999; Conference Superintendent, 2009.
SPOUSE: Kim, CHILDREN: Jennifer, Ryan, Lauren, and Jeremy.

BOEGLI, SUSAN Oregon Idaho
Oregon Idaho annual conference: E 2011. Education: School of Visual Arts, 1987, University of Vermont, MEd. 1993; Emory University, MTS, 2004; APPOINTMENTS: Salem First, Oregon (Associate), 2004; Junction City 2009, Alaska United Methodist Conference: Aldersgate 2011.
SPOUSE: Ken CHILDREN: Magen

CAMPBELL, PHILIP E.....Rocky Mountain UCC
Oklahoma Association UCC: Ordained, 1981. EDUCATION: Phillips University, 1975; Iliff School of Theology, 1981; Pacific School of Religion, D. Min., 2002. POSITIONS: First Plymouth UCC, Englewood, CO 1981; Community UCC, Boulder, CO 1982; Chaplain, Phillips University, Enid, OK, 1986; Director, United Ministry at the University of Tulsa; 1987; Park Hill UCC, Denver, CO 1989; Faculty, Iliff School of Theology, 2005; Alaska Missionary Conference: Northern Light, 2010.
SPOUSE: Teresa, CHILDREN: Katie, Laura.

CASEMAN, PAUL.....Desert Southwest
Desert Southwest: D 1991; E. 1994. EDUCATION: West Liberty State College, 1966; Emory University, Chandler School of Theology, 1992. M. Div.: APPOINTMENTS: Christ Church UM, associate, 1992-1997; St. Mark's, 1997-2010, Senior Pastor; Seward Memorial & Moose Pass, 2010.
SPOUSE: Patty, CHILDREN: Fawn, Josh, Delayne, Morgan

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CARLTON, JANICE	Iowa
Education: Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa B.A. Education 1974; Licensed Local Pastor 1999 (University of Dubuque Theological Seminary)Appointments: The Red Oak Circuit 1999; Elliott-Pilot Grove 2003; Salem UMC 2009 (all in Iowa); Alaska Conference: Kenai 2011	
CHILDREN: Alex and Josephine	
DISBURG, JON	Iowa
Iowa: D 1986; E 1990. EDUCATION: Iowa State University, 1977; Boston University School of Theology, 1987. APPOINTMENTS: To School, 1986; Southern New England Conference: Wareham, Wesley, 1987; Iowa Annual Conference: Grimes, 1988; Bloomfield, 1991; Bloomfield-West Grove-Drakesville Team Ministry, 1993; Des Moines, First, Associate, 1997; West Des Moines, Valley, 1998; West Des Moines, Valley, Co-Pastor, 2000; Leave of Absence, 1 July 2006-28 February 2007; Newton, St. Luke, Interim Pastor, 1 March 2007-30 June 2007; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Anchor Park & East Anchorage, 2007. SPOUSE: Leila; CHILDREN: Meghan and Ashley.	
DISBURG, LEILA.....	Iowa
Iowa: D 1992; E 1996. EDUCATION: Iowa State University 1978; Saint Paul School of Theology 1993. APPOINTMENTS: Bloomfield Associate 1991; Bloomfield-West Grove- Drakesville Team Ministry 1993; Granger 1997; West Des Moines, Valley Co-pastor 2000; Voluntary Leave of Absence 2006; Alaska United Methodist Conference; Anchor Park & East Anchorage 2007; Director of Connectional Ministries, 2009. SPOUSE: Jon. CHILDREN: Meghan and Ashley.	
DOEPKEN, JAMES MCINTYRE	North Indiana
North Indiana: Preparatory Member/Deacon 1993; Elder 1996; EDUCATION: Wabash College, BA, 1991; Duke University, The Divinity School, M Div, 1994; APPOINTMENTS: North Indiana: School, 1993; Frankfort, Trinity, 1994; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Kenai, New Covenant, 1997; Girdwood, Girdwood Chapel, 2000. SPOUSE: Julie. CHILDREN: Samuel, Moriah, Susannah, Abigail, and Bethany.	
ELDRIDGE, STEPHEN D	Nebraska
West Ohio, D ,1976,E Nebraska 1978. EDUCATION: University of Nebraska 1966; United States Coast Guard Officer Candidate School, Yorktown, VA 1967; United Theological Seminary 1977. APPOINTMENTS: Big Springs, 1977; Omaha Pearl Memorial/Asbury, Renaire Parish 1980; Plattsburgh 1994; Alaska Conference Willow, 2001 retired 2010; North Star Nikiski 2011 SPOUSE: Barbarajean (BJ) CHILDREN: Mark, Laura,	
ELMORE, DAVID G	Pacific Northwest
KANSAS EAST: SLP 2005. EDUCATION: Texas A&M University, 1991; Saint Paul School of Theology, 2008. APPOINTMENTS: Pleasanton & Prescott, 2005; Alaska Conference, Nome Community, 2008; Nome Community Center Director, 2011. SPOUSE: Julia	
ELMORE, JULIA YODER	Pacific Northwest
EDUCATION: Western Michigan University, 2000; Saint Paul School of Theology, 2008. APPOINTMENTS: US-2 in Nome Alaska, 2001; Missouri Conference: Youth Director, Grandview 2006; Alaska Conference, Nome Community, 2008. SPOUSE: David	

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ERBELE, EVELYN GRACEOregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho: PMD 2003; D 2005, E 2007. EDUCATION: Vermont College, 1973; Evangel College 1975; College of Idaho, MEd 1987; Wesley Seminary, D.Min. 2005.
APPOINTMENTS: Nigeria 1989; Eurasia 1996-2006; Lithuania 1999-2007; Latvia 2000-2007; GBGM 2007; Alaska Conference: First Ketchikan, 2008.
SPOUSE: Terence. CHILDREN: Andrew and Anna.

ERBELE, W. TERENCEOregon-Idaho
Oregon-Idaho: D 1980; E 1982. EDUCATION: Portland State University, 1975; Asbury Theological Seminary, M.Div. 1980. APPOINTMENTS: Newberg 1980; Kuna 1982; Hermiston 1987; Nigeria 1989; Eurasia 1996-2006; Lithuania 1999-2007; Latvia 2000-2007; GBGM 2007; Alaska Conference: First Ketchikan, 2008.
SPOUSE: Evelyn. CHILDREN: Andrew and Anna.

HICKS, ROBERT C.Pacific Northwest
Pacific Northwest: D 1988; E 1990. EDUCATION: Seattle Pacific University, 1980; Fuller, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conference: Rochester-Oakville, 1988; Disability, 2/1/91; Spokane: Centenary, 1993; Sandpoint ID, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, 1998; Family Leave, 12/1/99; Sandpoint ID, Associate PT, 9/1/00; Sandpoint ID, Interim, 2001; Family Leave, 2002; The Common Ministry, WSU, Pullman WA, Campus Pastor, 2003; The Wesley Foundation, WSU, Pullman WA, Campus Minister & Director of The Wesley Foundation, 2006; Alaska Conference: Palmer Fellowship, 2008.
SPOUSE: Tori. CHILDREN: Cyrus, Adam, Isaac, Sierra, and Kelsey.

HICKS, VICTORIAPacific Northwest
Pacific Northwest: D 1997; E 1999. EDUCATION: University of Maryland, Asian Division, 1987; Iliff School of Theology, 1997. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Northwest Conference: Sandpoint ID, 1997; Sandpoint ID, Associate PT, 2001; Sandpoint ID, 2002; Colfax, 2004; Alaska Conference: Christ First, Wasilla, 2008.
SPOUSE: Robert. CHILDREN: Cyrus, Adam, Isaac, Sierra, and Kelsey.

HORNING, DAVIDCalifornia Pacific
California Pacific: D 1985; E 1988. EDUCATION: San Diego State University; Iliff School of Theology 1986. Appointments: California Pacific Conference: La Jolla 1986; Point Loma, 1989; Julian 1993; College Ventura 1999; Lonpoc 205; St. Paul's, Oxnard 2007; Alaska United Methodist Conference, Fairbanks 2011.
SPOUSE: Amie-Marie

LUSH, DANIELRocky Mountain
Rocky Mountain: D 1993; E 1995. EDUCATION: University of Alaska, Fairbanks, 1974; Iliff School of Theology, M-Div. 1993. APPOINTMENTS: N.Platte,NE (Internship)1991; St. Paul's, Colo Springs,(Associate)1993; Gillette,WY.1998; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Homer, 2000; Willow, (Interim) 2010; Willow 2011
SPOUSE: Maggie, CHILDREN: Jennifer, Jillian, Jaclyn, Shenandoah, Cassidy.

MARTIN TICHENOR, KARENPacific Northwest
D 1984; E 1987. EDUCATION: University of Washington, 1982; Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1985. APPOINTMENTS: Trinity 1985; School 1989; Langley (Associate), 1989; St. Paul, 1990; Puget Counseling Center (Pastoral Therapist), 1991; Paul, 1995; Moran, 1996; Manito, 2001; Alaska United Methodist Conference, Christ First, 2005; North Pole: New Hope Methodist Presbyterian, 2008.
SPOUSE: Dennis. CHILD: Danielle.

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MARTINDELL, CHARLES A. West Ohio
West Ohio: D 1984; E 1987. EDUCATION: Trenton (N.J.) State College, 1980; Methodist Theological School in Ohio, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: West Ohio Conference: Mendon Charge, 1980; Tunnel-Warren Chapel, 1986; Lima Trinity (Associate), 1991; Marion Prospect Street, 1994; Marietta Christ, 2001; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Homer, 2008.
SPOUSE: Karen. CHILDREN: Sarah and Jonathan.

MARTINDELL, KAREN West Ohio
West Ohio Conference: Full Member Deacon 2006; EDUCATION: Marietta College, 1990; Methodist Theological School, 2000. APPOINTMENTS: Christ United Methodist, 2001; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Homer United Methodist, 2009.
SPOUSE: Charles CHILDREN: David, Jonathan, Charles III and Sarah.

MYERS, RONALD Southwest Texas
Iowa Conference: D 1986; E 1988; EDUCATION: Centenary College of Louisiana, 1978; Iliff School of Theology, 1984. APPOINTMENTS: Graettinger, 1984; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Parks Highway Parish (Wasilla, Willow, Trapper Creek) 1988; Alaska Pacific University (Chaplain) 1989; Southwest Texas Conference: Sonora, 1994; Lake Travis (Senior Pastor) 1997; Colonial Hills (Senior Pastor) 2006; Alaska United Methodist Conference: First United Methodist Church, Anchorage, 2011.
SPOUSE: Rev. Linda Jean, CHILDREN: Rachel and Rebekah

OCONER, LUTHER JEREMIAH GALVEZ Pampanga Philippines
Pampanga Philippines: Probationary 2001; Elder 2004; EDUCATION: Mapúa Tech, 1993; Wesley Divinity, M.Div., 2001; Drew University, M.Phil., 2006, Ph.D., 2009;
APPOINTMENTS: West Middle Philippines: Pio, Porac, 1997; Camias, San Simon, 1998; Pampanga Philippines: School, 2001; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Sitka, 2009.
SPOUSE: Marion. CHILD: Ilana.

PARK, WOO SHOUNG California-Pacific
(P.97; F.) EDUCATION: Mokwon University, Daejon, Korea; Mokwon Theological Seminary, Daejon, Korea. APPOINTMENTS: Korean Mission Conference, Cal-Pac, 1997, Walnut Korean Mission; 1997 (Nov 9) West Covina: Korean; 1999 (Mar) Monrovia: Korean; 2004 South Pasadena: Pacific Korean. 2005, Alaska Missionary: Anchorage Korean.
SPOUSE: Sarah. CHILDREN: Julie and Daniel.

PERRY, PETER K. Desert Southwest
D 1984: Pacific Southwest; E 1987 Desert Southwest. EDUCATION: California State University, Fullerton, 1982; Pacific School of Religion, 1985. APPOINTMENTS: Pacific Southwest Conference: 1984, to school; Desert Southwest 1985 Mesa, AZ: Velda Rose UMC (associate); 1988, Sedona, AZ: UMC of Sedona; 1994 Prescott, AZ: Prescott UMC; 2001, Phoenix, AZ: FUMC; Alaska United Methodist Conference, Seward/Moose Pass UMCs, 2007; Anchorage, St. John, 2010
SPOUSE: Karen. CHILDREN: David and Elizabeth

RAPANUT, CARLO AXIBAL Northwest Philippines
Northwest Philippines: PE 2002; E 2006. EDUCATION: B.S. Mathematics, University of the Philippines, 1994; Master of Management major in Business Management, University of the Philippines, 2000; Master of Divinity, magna cum laude, Wesley Divinity School, 2003.
APPOINTMENTS: Philex Mines, 1998; Baguio City First, 2000; Assistant to the Bishop, Baguio Episcopal Area, 2006; Alaska United Methodist Conference, Chugiak, 2008.
SPOUSE: Zoraida Sanchez Rapanut. CHILD: Caleb, Titus.

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SCHAADT, JOANNPacific Northwest
West Ohio: D 1998; Pacific Northwest: D 2000. Education: Bowling Green State University, 1987; Kent State University 1989; United Theological Seminary, 1998. APPOINTMENTS: West Ohio: Xenia Faith Community 1995; Chattanooga, 1996; Pacific Northwest - Seattle: Green Lake, 1998; Mercer Island, 2003; Alaska United Methodist Conference: St. John, 2006. CHILD: Sara.

SHOCK, LAUREN KAYOklahoma
Oklahoma, DM, 1990; D, 1994; E, 1999. EDUCATION: Southern Nazarene University, BA, 1984; Oklahoma City University, MAR, 1989; Phillips Theological Seminary, M Div, 1996. APPOINTMENTS: Oklahoma, DM, FUMC, Duncan, 1990; Grace, Tulsa, 1994. As clergy, Wellston, 1996; McAlester-Savanna Charge, 1998. Alaska Missionary Conference: Jewel Lake Parish, 2001-2010, Soldotna 2011
SPOUSE: James. CHILDREN: Joel Thomas Carpenter

SMITH, JENNIFERPacific Northwest
Pacific Northwest: PE 2010. EDUCATION: Florida Southern College, 2005; United Theological Seminary, 2010. APPOINTMENTS: Anchor Park and East Anchorage, 2010.
SPOUSE: Aaron

SMITH, ROBERTGreater New Jersey
Southern New Jersey: D 1966, E 1979, EDUCATION: Lycoming College BA 1965; Wesley TS MRE 1969, Wesley TS M.Div. 1979. APPOINTMENTS: First UMC Trenton, NJ 1977; Christ UMC Lakewood, NJ 1984; St. Peter's UMC, Ocean City 1994; Capital District Superintendent, Greater NJUMC 2005; retired 2011; Turnagain UMC, Anchorage AK September 1, 2011
SPOUSE: Judy; CHILDREN: Judith and Anna

WILCOX, DANIELCentral PA
Central PA: Commissioned Probationer 2000, E 2003. EDUCATION: Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, 1997; Asbury Theological Seminary, 2000. APPOINTMENTS: Emmanuel, Windsor, 2000; Alaska United Methodist Conference: Unalaska, 2007.
SPOUSE: Kris-Ann; CHILDREN: Esther, Jaden and Lydia.

WILCOX, KRIS-ANN OSusquehanna Conference (PA)
(formerly Central PA Conference): L 2000; PE 2001; E 2004. EDUCATION: Geneva College, BS, 1996; Asbury Theological Seminary, MDiv, 2000. Aldersgate York, Associate, 2000-Jan 1, 2007; Family Leave, Jan 1, 2007-Dec 1, 2010; Unalaska UMC, 1/4 time, Dec 1, 2010.
SPOUSE: Daniel. CHILDREN: Esther, Jaden, Lydia.

B. Record of Local Pastors**FULUMU,A, FA'ATAFA**

Local Pastor, 2011. EDUCATION: Chanel College Technical Institute; Claremont School of Theology, Course of Study, 2011. APPOINTMENTS: Alaska Conference: East Anchorage Samoan Fellowship. SPOUSE: Fa'aua. CHILDREN: Kevin, Suitafa, Fuiono, Iyama

MAGA, SAILITAI

Local Pastor, 2000. EDUCATION: Leeward Community College, AA; Claremont School of Theology, Course of Study, 2000. APPOINTMENTS: Alaska United Methodist Conference: Samoan Fellowship, 1994; First Samoan UMC of Anchorage, 2004. SPOUSE: Finau.

WASSER, JULIE ANN

Local Pastor, 1985. EDUCATION: Hillsboro College, AA; Candler School of Theology, Course of Study, 1990. APPOINTMENTS: Missouri: Greenville/Paterson, 1985. Alabama/West Florida: Repton, 1987; St. Stephens, 1989. Alaska United Methodist Conference: Trapper Creek, 1999; St. Peter the Fisherman, 2003. SPOUSE: Robert CHILDREN: Keith Sheffer, Ronald Sheffer, and Peter Sheffer

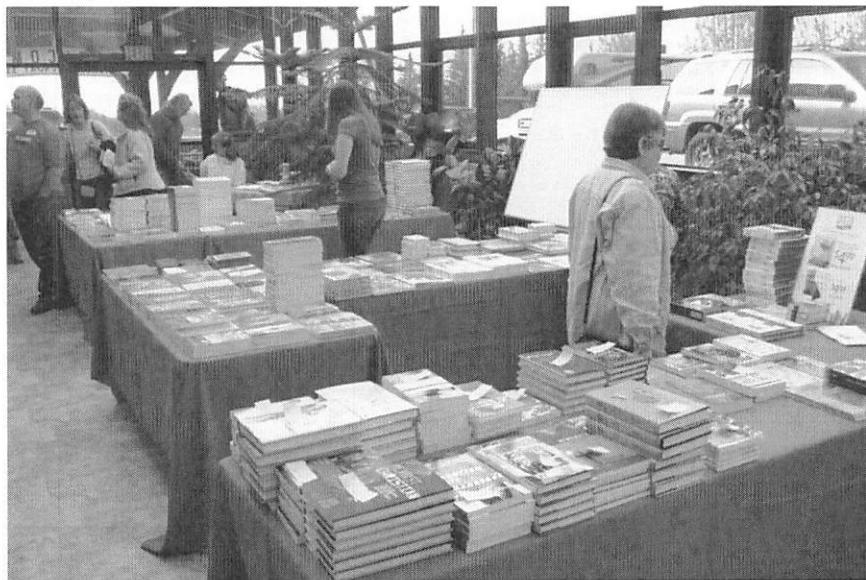


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1 Homer	Charles Martindell	154	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2 Kenai	Maria Slater	87	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	87	0	0	0	2
3 Moose Pass	Paul Caseman	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
4 North Star	Laura Skiba	87	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	0	4
5 St. Peter	Julie Wasser	56	0	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	0	0	6
6 Soldotna	Paul Caseman	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	0	0	59	5
7 Seward	Richard Whitehill	116	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	6	1	57	6
8 First Fairbanks	Thomas Teifer	412	17	0	0	4	8	15	6	62	5	1	2	350	5	12	3	4	0	7
9 Nome	David & Julie Elmore	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	0	6	29	8
10 New Hope*	Karen Tichenor	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	0	0	0	10
11 Christ First Wasilla	Tori & Robert Hicks	161	6	5	1	8	3	0	1	8	1	2	0	172	1	1	2	0	165	2
12 Willow	Dan Lush	62	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	66	0	0	0	64	0
13 Anchorage Park	Jon Disburg	182	2	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	186	4	0	1	49	120	13
14 East Anchorage	Debra Lindsay-Hudgins	77	3	0	0	21	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	100	1	0	2	1	9
15 First Anchorage	Sallie Maga	94	2	0	0	3	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	7	279	8	14	3	25	61
16 First Samoan	Tom Hosieag	43	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	16	
17 Jewel Lake*	Woo Shoung Park	30	0	1	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	44	0	0	0	0	44	17
18 Saint John	Peter Parry	766	32	2	11	12	1	35	26	0	16	1	1	745	3	7	20	6	703	19
19 Turnagain	Dale Kelley	118	2	0	15	2	0	11	0	0	0	4	2	120	1	0	1	3	6	20
20 Chugiak	Carlo Repanut	230	1	0	0	10	1	7	26	0	2	0	0	207	2	0	0	0	204	21
21 Girdwood	James Doeppen	53	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59	0	0	0	0	59	22
22 Unalaska	Daniel Wilcox	29	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	0	0	1	3	1	23
23 Douglas	Cindy Roberts	113	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	3	95	20	2	0	4	9
24 Adlers	Judy Shook	87	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	86	7	0	6	2	25
25 Northern Light*	Phil Campbell	108	0	5	0	1	1	13	0	0	0	1	2	99	1	0	21	0	77	26
26 Kechikan	Terence & Evelyn Erbele	64	3	1	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	68	0	0	0	0	68	27
27 Sitka	Luther Oconer	79	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	5	0	0	3	63	28
* Presby/METHODIST data halved		Totals 2010	3,733	93	18	37	76	31	160	73	72	44	16	25	3,598	95	43	20	143	259
Totals 2009		3,865	107	10	49	72	29	199	62	44	53	12	29	3,733	97	47	21	145	218	
INCREASE/DECREASE		(132)	(14)	8	(12)	4	2	(39)	11	28	(6)	4	(4)	(135)	(2)	(4)	(1)	(2)	(41)	

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INDEX	IDENTITY	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (CONT.)	CHURCH SCHOOL AND SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES																															
			SENIOR PASTOR												CHURCH MEMBERSHIP (CONT.)																			
			Females						Males						Avg attendance at all weekly worship services						Number of persons baptized this year (all ages)						Total Baptized Members not becoming Professing Members							
			9.h	9.i	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Number of other constituents	Total enrolled in confirmation classes This Year	Number of Children in Christian groups and other groups 0-11	Number of Youth in Christian groups & other groups 12-18	Number of Young Adults in Christian groups & others 19-30	Number of Other Adults in Christian groups & other groups ministries 31+	Total Christian formation participants	Average weekly attendance (all ages) in Sunday Church school	Number of person (all ages) active in covenant discipleship groups	Participants in Vacation Bible School	Number of ongoing classes (all ages) for learning in Sunday Church School	Number of ongoing classes for learning (all ages) other than Sunday Church School	Number of short-term classes and groups (all ages) for learning	INDEX
1 Homer	Charles Martindell		103	53	82	0	0	27	2	33	10	6	41	90	35	8	0	4	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
2 Kenai	Martha Stalter		53	34	34	0	3	32	0	0	0	0	11	11	4	0	27	1	1	2	2	0	0	3	0	3	4	1	1	3	4			
3 Moose Pass	Paul Caseman		16	13	15	0	7	20	0	5	10	0	8	23	20	29	19	30	4	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	4	1	1	0	5			
4 North Star	Laura Skiba		36	34	44	0	0	0	5	3	17	0	0	19	24	3	5	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1			
5 St. Peter	Julie Wasser		32	32	32	0	0	7	0	5	0	0	19	24	3	5	3	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1			
6 Seward	Paul Caseman		44	31	61	3	23	60	0	18	8	4	8	38	31	0	54	4	2	0	6	0	0	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0			
7 Soldotna	Richard Whetsell		70	42	60	5	38	89	4	3	0	3	6	6	8	38	3	4	2	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
8 First Fairbanks	Thomas Teiter		228	122	239	5	42	152	8	60	24	26	142	252	97	41	48	11	16	23	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
9 Name	David & Julie Elmore		33	15	25	0	12	66	0	35	0	1	12	48	20	0	72	0	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
10 New Hope*	Karen Tichenor		26	17	40	1	0	0	0	14	7	2	20	43	21	0	50	4	1	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
11 Christ First Wasilla	Tori & Robert Hicks		105	67	97	4	38	100	1	17	7	4	87	115	22	2	0	4	2	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
12 Willow	Dan Lush		43	23	48	0	2	9	0	7	6	3	11	27	13	0	24	2	3	2	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
13 Anchor Park	Jon Disburs		103	83	139	5	42	95	0	35	20	17	50	122	52	26	45	6	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
14 East Anchorage	Jon Disburs		53	47	91	17	0	6	0	30	16	0	23	69	31	0	43	3	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
15 First Sammamish	Debra Lindsay-Hudgins		180	99	87	2	1	82	0	34	16	9	26	85	20	0	0	4	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
16 First Sammamish	Santai Magga		55	46	93	1	0	96	0	63	20	8	54	145	87	12	0	4	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
17 Jewel Lake*	Tom Fosberg		36	8	28	4	0	0	0	8	3	0	12	23	20	0	15	5	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
18 Korean	Woo Shoung Park		18	13	28	0	0	4	0	8	6	3	0	17	15	0	18	2	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
19 Saint John	Peter Perry		443	302	411	13	227	200	15	185	60	19	195	459	155	6	120	13	5	9	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
20 Turnagain	Date Kelly		75	45	67	2	2	67	0	6	7	0	5	18	8	0	0	2	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
21 Chugiak	Carlo Rapanut		127	80	139	4	38	80	3	17	26	3	62	108	80	0	45	10	2	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
22 Girdwood	James Dreecken		34	25	63	3	0	24	6	21	6	2	17	46	11	0	12	2	3	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
23 Unalaska	Daniel Wilcox		20	9	28	0	27	26	0	50	8	0	14	72	30	14	68	0	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
24 Douglas	Cindy Roberts		63	32	60	0	0	68	0	8	4	2	6	20	5	9	15	2	2	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
25 Alderstage	Judy Snook		50	36	51	0	26	55	0	31	14	13	50	108	20	0	58	5	1	425	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
26 Northern Light*	Phil Campbell		64	35	44	1	5	12	0	5	6	5	16	29	14	0	8	6	0	226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
27 Ketchikan	Terence & Evelyn Erbale		44	24	47	2	0	17	0	5	6	5	0	12	22	14	6	0	3	1	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
28 Sitka	Luther Oconer		52	25	48	0	0	60	0	30	1	2	25	58	20	20	120	3	3	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Presby/Mетодист			Totals 2010												Tots 2009												INCREASE/DECREASE							
			(62)	(73)	(70)	(10)	(120)	212	0	(139)	(105)	(35)	108	(172)	(10)	(23)	(67)	(21)	(5)	4														

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INDEX	IDENTITY		PROPERTY				BENEVOLENCES												X INDEX
	CHURCH	SENIOR PASTOR	Market value of church land, buildings and equipment	Market value of church owned assets	Deeds received by church physical assets	Other debt	Total amount APPORTIONED to the local church for all benevolent purposes	Total amount PAID by local church for all benevolent causes to the AC Treasury	Total amount remitted to the General Advance Fund	Total amount remitted to the AC Treasury	Total amount remitted to the AC	Total amount given directly to UM causes (not sent to AC Treasury)	Total amount given to other United Methodist benevolent aid organizations	Total Special Sunday Offerings					
			36	37	38	39	40.a	40.b	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50		
1	Homer	Charles Martindell	775,000	70,000	120,000	0	22,171	22,171	1,625	0	0	0	327	0	1,749	1,640	885	1	
2	Kenai	Martha Slater	740,000	12,500	0	0	13,870	2,771	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,219	0	2
3	Moose Pass	Paul Caseman	350,000	0	21932	0	2,756	2,756	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	185	3
4	North Star	Laura Skiba	697,500	0	0	0	14,357	5,860	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	232	4
5	St. Peter	Julie Wasser	411,000	43,790	0	0	6,395	6,395	0	0	0	0	1,070	0	0	6,851	55	5	
6	Seward	Paul Caseman	1,550,000	101,684	0	0	9,991	10,032	1,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,221	1,123	390	6	
7	Soldotna	Richard Whetsell	1,099,300	65,495	0	0	16,561	16,565	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,525	498	1,434	7
8	First Fairbanks	Thomas Telfer	3,000,000	124,000	0	0	63,522	63,522	0	1,787	2,208	0	0	0	0	9,233	0	8	
9	Nome	David & Julie Elmore	726,000	15,630	0	0	9,438	4,441	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,455	0	0	9	
10	New Hope*	Karen Tichenor	1,000,000	21,000	34,500	0	11,198	4,847	100	398	0	0	398	0	0	0	0	646	10
11	Christ First Wa	Tori & Robert Hicks	985,100	0	0	0	21,664	21,664	0	2,095	0	0	0	0	0	1,200	5,998	809	11
12	Willow	Dan Lush	698,000	185,000	50,000	20,000	10,979	2,124	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,667	0	753	12	
13	Anchor Park	Jon Disburg	4,465,000	71,139	0	0	44,242	28,386	2,609	0	3,094	0	0	0	2,378	24,458	2,945	13	
14	East Anchorage	Jon Disburg	1,958,000	0	38,764	0	18,011	18,011	0	4,457	457	0	0	0	0	3,562	2,019	14	
15	First Anchorage	Debra Lindsay-Hudgins	6,000,000	114,777	0	0	56,444	14,282	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	221	15
16	First Samoan	Saililai Maga	450,000	7,000	450,000	0	7,649	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
17	Jewel Lake*	Tom Hoslag	2,055,375	115,000	0	0	15,591	15,801	0	0	0	0	743	0	0	0	1,407	17	
18	Korean	Woo Shoung Park	500,000	1,000	0	0	9,486	2,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	
19	Saint John	Peter Perry	3,734,241	292,604	1,166,164	14,040	117,586	117,586	19,790	0	440	0	0	0	920	23,700	1,389	19	
20	Turnagain	Dale Kelley	1,557,530	188,661	0	0	20,614	20,614	3,601	0	1,044	0	0	0	0	0	479	20	
21	Chugiak	Carlo Rapanut	3,448,706	46,277	843,304	0	38,993	39,097	0	239	0	0	0	0	0	5,994	312	21	
22	Girdwood	James Doeppen	1,940,000	3,149	247,892	284,313	9,441	9,941	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,351	370	22	
23	Unalaska	Daniel Wilcox	2,184,085	39,905	0	0	8,606	2,737	555	0	0	0	555	0	0	440	0	23	
24	Douglas	Cindy Roberts	1,272,593	227,573	5,500	0	20,754	20,754	1,533	0	0	0	0	0	1,097	1,251	295	24	
25	Alderstage	Judy Shook	2,040,000	9,000	209,238	0	19,353	19,353	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,492	1,695	25	
26	Northern Light*	Phil Campbell	2,244,033	1,561,094	159,484	0	19,106	19,106	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,535	27,162	115	26	
27	Ketchikan	Terence & Evelyn Erbe	1,380,000	0	130,819	0	12,808	12,831	26,400	1,279	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,557	717	27	
28	Sitka	Luther Oconer	1,517,000	294,000	0	20,800	16,214	16,214	0	0	0	0	0	0	398	0	893	28	
Presby/Methodist data halved		Totals 2010	48,778,463	3,610,278	3,477,597	339,153	637,800	528,915	59,337	10,255	7,243	0	4,093	0	21,145	123,529	18,246		
		Totals 2009	49,053,145	3,921,797	3,967,313	199,913	636,770	587,455	39,326	62,684	6,955	0	5,362	0	23,506	103,824	23,069		
INCREASE/DECREASE			(274,682)	(311,519)	(489,716)	139,240	1,030	(58,540)	20,011	(52,429)	288	0	(1,269)	0	(2,361)	19,705	(4,823)		

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IDENTITY		CLERGY BENE		CLERGY SUPPORT–LOCAL CHURCH				LOCAL CHURCH EXPENDITURES								TOTAL	
CHURCH	SENIOR PASTOR	Total amount paid by this for all church expenses for all direct-church ministry functions	Total amount paid by this for all church expenses for all direct-church ministry functions	Total amount paid in base compensation to other pastor	Total amount paid in base compensation to all Associate Pastors assigned by this District	Total amount paid for pastor and co-pastor and/or associate pastor and ministers for training and minis- try and/or related allowances	Total amount paid to pastor and co-pastor and/or associate pastor and ministers for travel and subsistence (non-reimbursable)	Total amount paid to pastor and co-pastor and/or associate pastor and ministers for training and minis- try and/or related allowances	Total amount paid to pastor and co-pastor and/or associate pastor and ministers for salary and allowances (non-reimbursable)	Total amount paid to salary and allowances for Deacons	Total amount paid to salary and allowances for Diaconal Ministers	Total amount paid to salary and allowances for all other church staff	Total amount spent for local church programs or services	Total amount spent for other local church operating expenses	Total amount paid for principal and minor church buildings, loans, mortgages, etc.	Total amount paid for capital improvements, and major equipment purchases	TOTAL AMOUNT PAID BY THE LOCAL CHURCH ON ALL EXPENDITURES INDEX
Homer	Charles Martindell	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	
Kenai	Martha Slater	0	24,992	44,635	0	3,909	1,286	0	0	0	21,995	1,833	40,096	0	48,217	215,360	
Moose Pass	Paul Caseman	0	18,931	43,615	0	2,882	0	0	0	0	0	866	16,142	0	0	86,426	
North Star	Laura Skiba	0	0	1,988	0	0	1,756	0	0	0	0	765	3,476	0	3,599	14,525	
St. Peter	Julie Wasser	0	555	15,211	0	0	0	2,700	0	0	0	1,925	14,686	0	0	49,448	
Seward	Paul Caseman	0	21,490	29,867	0	6,893	2,494	0	0	0	0	1,121	19,435	0	0	96,066	
Soldotna	Richard Whetsell	0	20,856	27,553	0	4,728	1,094	0	0	0	4,118	8,253	33,874	0	28,388	148,886	
First Fairbanks	Thomas Telfer	0	26,086	48,671	0	35,524	5,615	0	0	0	160,363	16,945	77,128	0	0	447,082	
Nome	David & Julie Elmore	0	24,823	17,052	0	5,700	3,000	0	0	0	0	3,022	36,271	0	0	95,764	
New Hope*	Karen Tichenor	0	25,921	24,812	0	11,000	1,950	0	0	0	16,725	2,125	42,650	7,224	0	138,797	
Christ First Wa	Tori & Robert Hicks	0	20,899	44,018	0	5,000	3,000	0	0	0	3,500	5,561	16,267	0	14,893	145,004	
Willow	Dan Lush	3,091	20,551	10,381	0	2,400	2,203	0	0	0	0	24,244	17,386	2,869	0	98,648	
Anchor Park	Jon Disburg	0	26,163	30,970	10,992	5,140	4,267	0	0	0	102,433	15,900	53,932	0	0	313,667	
East Anchorage	Jon Disburg	0	0	27,024	9,008	13,433	0	0	0	0	7,321	4,166	64,198	3,300	12,115	169,071	
First Anchorage	Debra Lindsay-Hudgin	0	22,669	60,152	0	23,300	0	3,500	0	0	90,861	21,909	107,703	0	35,000	379,597	
First Samoan	Saililai Maga	0	0	13,000	0	0	700	0	0	0	0	500	7,000	3,500	0	24,900	
Jewel Lake*	Tom Hoslag	0	9,199	20,588	0	2,514	1,287	0	0	0	13,470	6,268	27,386	0	0	98,662	
Korean	Woo Shoung Park	0	0	24,000	0	0	4,000	3,300	0	0	0	4,500	13,000	0	0	50,800	
Saint John	Peter Perry	7,045	54,913	65,476	45,415	54,512	4,059	0	0	65,150	303,226	18,732	139,376	129,156	12,459	1,063,344	
Turnagain	Del Kelley	0	0	40,050	0	10,080	1,250	0	0	0	12,937	5,010	44,613	0	30,300	169,978	
Chugiak	Carlo Rapanut	0	20,975	46,867	0	5,057	6,090	0	0	0	43,683	6,160	104,378	139,303	0	418,155	
Girdwood	James Doepken	5,432	29,592	14,028	0	23,864	3,548	0	0	0	0	6,244	9,623	48,064	45,562	198,620	
Unalaska	Daniel Wilcox	338	2,981	5,018	0	11,989	1,751	0	0	0	2,550	6,655	16,464	0	11,792	63,824	
Douglas	Cindy Roberts	2,966	18,866	39,857	0	5,647	1,017	0	0	0	15,530	15,693	18,777	0	7,680	150,963	
Alderstage	Judy Shook	2,160	23,383	47,043	0	5,230	2,060	0	0	0	17,215	1,362	28,938	18,693	2,574	172,198	
Northern Light*	Phil Campbell	433	6,470	25,319	0	10,157	1,928	4,424	0	0	44,095	11,331	36,924	8,058	14,248	212,305	
Ketchikan	Terence & Evelyn Erbe	0	0	0	0	6,030	3,210	0	0	0	8,240	2,340	9,649	15,771	18,018	115,042	
Sitka	Luther Oconer	3,033	20,493	39,903	0	5,778	485	0	0	0	8,251	6,038	23,152	0	2,201	126,839	
Presby/Methodist data halved		Totals 2010	24,498	450,426	841,808	65,415	264,411	62,150	13,924	0	65,150	876,513	202,568	1,049,490	375,938	287,046	5,352,101
		Totals 2009	33,023	420,849	812,809	44,236	259,079	73,873	14,415	0	76,156	798,215	197,330	1,008,559	659,662	541,155	5,791,542
INCREASE/DECREASE		(8,525)	29,578	28,999	21,179	5,332	(11,723)	(491)	0	(11,006)	78,298	5,238	40,931	(283,724)	(254,109)	(439,441)	

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INDEX	IDENTITY		ANNUAL OPERATING AND BENEVOLENCE BUDGET SOURCES									INDEX	
	CHURCH	SENIOR PASTOR	Number of households giving to the local church	Amount received through pledges	Amount received from non- pledging, but identified givers	Amount received from unidentified givers	Amount received from Interest and Dividends	Amount received through Sale of Church Assets	Amount received through building use fees, contributions, and rentals	Amount received through fundraisers and other sources	Total income for annual budget/spending plan		
			66	67.a	67.b	67.c	67.d	67.e	67.f	67.g	67		
1	Homer	Charles Martindell	82	113,000	11,000	11,000	0	0	6,814	2,800	144,614	1	
2	Kenai	Martha Slater	26	61,510	10,410	1,508	417	0	1,349	4,968	80,162	2	
3	Moose Pass	Paul Caseman	15	12,325	411	0	167	0	245	0	13,148	3	
4	North Star	Laura Skiba	35	24,086	71,923	2,477	1	0	1,200	0	99,687	4	
5	St. Peter	Julie Wasser	53	0	36,465	5,726	106	0	6,605	2,186	51,088	5	
6	Seward	Paul Caseman	35	76,767	4,290	0	862	0	0	6,969	88,888	6	
7	Soldotna	Richard Whetsell	105	0	108,203	3,328	167	0	2,700	0	114,398	7	
8	First Fairbanks	Thomas Telfer	359	283,971	131,908	7,533	1,143	0	100	375	425,030	8	
9	Nome	David & Julie Elmore	13	35,780	5,071	2,933	0	0	2,350	53,759	99,893	9	
10	New Hope*	Karen Tichenor	22	79,500	0	3,500	25	0	125	5,993	89,143	10	
11	Christ First Wasilla	Tori & Robert Hicks	110	0	133,742	7,268	39	0	0	7,452	148,501	11	
12	Willow	Dan Lush	45	0	65,117	10,272	9,708	0	239	0	85,336	12	
13	Anchor Park	Jon Disburg	175	156,679	95,734	6,499	0	1,955	2,150	9,380	272,397	13	
14	East Anchorage	Jon Disburg	67	69,821	30,686	4,365	80	0	32,505	21,552	159,009	14	
15	First Anchorage	Debra Lindsay-Hudgins	254	0	209,485	42,401	539	0	71,622	1,700	325,747	15	
16	First Samoan	Sailitai Maga	32	0	22,000	0	0	0	0	6,000	28,000	16	
17	Jewel Lake*	Tom Hoslag	12	51,640	27,798	2,007	44	0	1,910	1,629	85,028	17	
18	Korean	Woo Shoung Park	18	0	79,000	0	0	0	0	0	79,000	18	
19	Saint John	Peter Perry	549	802,182	90,744	13,243	1,886	1,500	19,966	127,597	1,057,118	19	
20	Tumagain	Dale Kelley	90	78,854	14,546	3,809	3,823	0	17,417	10,592	129,041	20	
21	Chugiak	Carlo Rapaport	155	315,540	58,944	7,770	70	0	4,750	28,683	415,757	21	
22	Girdwood	James Doeppen	39	93,159	927	4,842	78	0	0	0	99,006	22	
23	Unalaska	Daniel Wilcox	29	20,583	11,280	4,902	133	0	9,030	6,215	52,143	23	
24	Douglas	Cindy Roberts	68	58,022	59,322	6,347	3,063	0	12,595	7,307	146,656	24	
25	Alderstage	Judy Shook	48	105,775	14,377	2,987	50	0	26,725	5,184	155,098	25	
26	Northern Light*	Phil Campbell	81	71,252	45,555	1,947	14,323	14,500	31,565	3,850	182,992	26	
27	Ketchikan	Terence & Evelyn Erbele	47	63,767	1,637	4,617	17	0	27,620	4,205	101,863	27	
28	Sitka	Luther Oconer	41	54,647	27,164	1,754	11	0	21,600	8,676	113,852	28	
* Presby/Methodist data halved				Totals 2010	2,605	2,628,860	1,367,739	163,035	36,752	17,955	301,182	327,072	4,842,595
				Totals 2009	2,652	2,539,147	1,334,349	217,477	42,968	296,202	377,846	126,128	4,934,092
				INCREASE/DECREASE	(47)	89,713	33,390	(54,442)	(6,216)	(278,247)	(76,664)	200,944	(91,497)

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INDEX	IDENTITY		CAPITAL AND SPECIAL SOURCES						OUTSIDE LOCAL CHURCH SOURCES				INDEX	
	CHURCH	SENIOR PASTOR	Capital Campaign	Memorials, Endowments, Bequests	Other Sources & Projects amount received for Special Sundays, General Advance Specials, World Service Specials, Conference Advance Specials and other forms of directed benevolent (charitable) giving	68.d	Total Income for designated causes including capital campaign and other special projects	68	Equitable Compensation Funds	Advanced Special, apportioned and connectional funds received by church	69.b	Other grants and financial support from institutions sources	69.c	69
			68.a	68.b	68.c	68.d	68	69.a	69.b	69.c	69	69	69	
1	Homer	Charles Martindell	48,217	0	0	6,248	54,465	0	0	0	1,862	1,862	1,862	1
2	Kenai	Martha Slater	0	0	0	2,164	2,164	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	Moose Pass	Paul Caseman	0	2,801	334	645	3,780	0	0	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	3
4	North Star	Laura Skiba	0	100	0	0	100	0	7,125	0	7,125	7,125	7,125	4
5	St. Peter	Julie Wasser	32,058	0	0	0	32,058	900	0	0	0	900	900	5
6	Seward	Paul Caseman	0	0	0	0	0	0	14,767	21,674	36,441	36,441	36,441	6
7	Soldotna	Richard Whetsell	10,909	4,941	0	2,867	18,717	0	18,940	2,562	21,502	21,502	21,502	7
8	First Fairbanks	Thomas Teifer	17,008	7,508	0	5,900	30,416	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	Nome	David & Julie Elmore	0	0	0	1,455	1,455	26,139	8,522	12,562	47,223	47,223	47,223	9
10	New Hope*	Karen Tichenor	7,914	103	0	829	8,846	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
11	Christ First Wasilla	Tori & Robert Hicks	7,543	25	3,672	3,779	15,019	0	1,842	0	0	1,842	1,842	11
12	Willow	Dan Lush	4,744	0	0	2,999	7,743	10,000	13,357	32,092	55,449	55,449	55,449	12
13	Anchor Park	Jon Disburg	0	4,670	0	38,119	42,789	0	2,005	0	0	2,005	2,005	13
14	East Anchorage	Jon Disburg	2,449	0	0	16,482	18,931	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	First Anchorage	Debra Lindsay-Hudgins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
16	First Samoan	Saililai Maga	0	500	0	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
17	Jewel Lake*	Tom Hosleg	0	100	3,550	3,422	7,072	0	875	0	0	875	875	17
18	Korean	Woo Shoung Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
19	Saint John	Peter Perry	0	12,050	0	0	12,050	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
20	Turnagain	Dale Kelley	0	340	0	5,124	5,464	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
21	Chugiak	Carlo Rapanut	0	180	0	7,609	7,789	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
22	Girdwood	James Doecken	92,087	2,801	334	7,122	102,344	0	42,147	62	42,209	42,209	42,209	22
23	Unalaska	Daniel Wilcox	0	0	0	555	555	16,133	50,553	7,856	74,542	74,542	74,542	23
24	Douglas	Cindy Roberts	0	11,448	0	295	11,743	0	1,270	5,150	6,420	6,420	6,420	24
25	Alderstage	Judy Shook	0	0	0	6,708	6,708	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
26	Northern Light*	Phil Campbell	9,406	4,089	0	0	13,495	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
27	Ketchikan	Terence & Evelyn Erbele	1,475	250	12,038	51	13,814	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
28	Sitka	Luther Oconer	0	0	642	813	1,455	0	800	0	800	800	800	28
* Presby/Methodist data halved			Totals 2010	233,810	51,908	20,570	113,186	419,472	53,172	162,203	86,420	301,794		
			Totals 2009	293,110	47,184	21,827	202,389	564,510	46,572	202,934	110,296	359,802		
			INCREASE/DECREASE	(59,300)	4,722	(1,257)	(89,203)	(145,038)	6,600	(40,731)	(23,876)	(58,007)		

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CHURCH	GENERAL ADMINISTRATION FUND	INTERDENOMINATIONAL FUND	AFRICA UNIVERSITY FUND	COPERATION FUND	BLACK COLLEGE FUND	MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND	BENEVOLENCE FUND	CONFERENCE FUND	WORLD SERVICE	GRADE FIGURE
Homer	0.033406	1,216	5,443	404	161	36	32	139		
New Covenant	0.021780	793	3,549	263	105	23	21	91		
Moose Pass	0.003033	110	494	37	15	3	3	13		
North Star	0.021690	790	3,534	262	105	23	21	90		
St. Peter	0.010475	381	1,707	127	50	11	10	44		
Seward	0.019249	701	3,137	233	93	21	18	80		
Soldotna	0.027317	995	4,451	330	132	29	26	114		
First Fairbanks	0.094950	3,457	15,472	1,147	457	102	91	395		
Nome	0.018134	660	2,955	219	87	20	17	75		
New Hope	0.022948	836	3,739	277	111	25	22	95		
Christ First Wasilla and Palmer	0.029871	1,088	4,867	361	144	32	29	124		
Willow	0.018620	678	3,034	225	90	20	18	77		
Anchor Park	0.066057	2,405	10,764	798	318	71	63	275		
East Anchorage	0.032872	1,197	5,356	397	158	35	31	137		
First Anchorage	0.085163	3,101	13,877	1,029	410	92	81	354		
First Samoan	0.010044	366	1,637	121	48	11	10	42		
Jewel Lake	0.023509	856	3,831	284	113	25	22	98		
Korean	0.012742	464	2,076	154	61	14	12	53		
Saint John	0.192661	7,013	31,396	2,326	930	208	184	800		
Turnagain	0.031241	1,138	5,091	377	151	34	30	130		
Chugiak	0.058952	2,146	9,606	712	284	64	56	245		
Girdwood Chapel	0.014960	545	2,438	181	72	16	14	62		
Unalaska	0.015443	562	2,516	187	74	17	15	64		
Douglas	0.031082	1,132	5,065	375	150	34	30	129		
Aldersgate	0.030939	1,127	5,042	374	149	33	30	129		
Northern Light	0.034101	1,242	5,557	412	164	37	33	142		
First Ketchikan	0.014602	532	2,379	176	70	16	14	61		
Sitka	0.024159	880	3,937	292	116	26	23	100		
CONFERENCE TOTAL	1.000000	36,411	162,950	12,080	4,818	1,078	956	4,158		

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	2012 Requested	2012 Approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
Connectional Clergy Support Fund				
Apportioned Benefits Funding				
Conference Superintendent's Fund	145,830	145,830	(6,010)	-3.9%
Salary	77,766	77,766		0.9%
Utilities	3,888	3,888		
Housing Allowance	19,442	19,442		
Pension & Benefits	5,834	5,834		
Business & Professional Expenses	17,500	17,500	(7,500)	-27.8%
Health Insurance	17,700	17,700	1,700	8.7%
Workers Comp	700	700	(950)	-57.6%
Discretionary Fund	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%
<i>Provides for the compensation, pension and benefits, health insurance, and expenses for the Conference Superintendent. The Professional Ministries Unit recommends the compensation in accordance with the Conference Rule # R2.04</i>				
Episcopal Fund	11,091	11,091	726	7.0%
<i>Our apportionment from the General Church for our share in supporting all Bishops of the United Methodist Church including salaries, residences, pensions, travel, other benefits and office and professional expenses..</i>				
Episcopal Housing	4,000	4,000	-	0.0%
<i>A portion of the housing costs for our Bishop. The Pacific Northwest Conference owns a residence in Seattle. The costs include taxes, utilities, repairs, and maintenance.</i>				
Equitable Compensation	35,000	35,000	(40,000)	-53.3%
<i>Provides funds needed to meet the salary aid need of the Conference.</i>				
Mission Aid Fund	65,000	65,000	40,000	160.0%
<i>Provides funds to assist churches in missional situations that face unusual or ongoing economic difficulties meeting their clergy benefit obligations.</i>				
Western Jurisdiction Korean Superintendent	747	747	53	8.3%
<i>Our apportionment from the Western Jurisdictional Conference for our share of the support for the Western Jurisdiction Korean Mission Superintendent.</i>				
	261,668	261,668	(5,231)	-1.9%

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	2012 requested	2012 Approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
Connectional Administration Fund				
Administrative Unit	1,000	1,000	(1,000)	-20.0%
Conference Benefits Officer(CBO)	8,525			
Travel	1,000			
<i>Provides funds to cover the administrative costs of the Unit. The cost of the Conference Benefits Officer comes from earnings on the Benefit Endowment Fund.</i>				
Annual Conference Session	12,000	15,000	4,000	50.0%
<i>Provides funds to cover the cost of our Annual Conference Session including courtesies.</i>				
Area Expense Fund	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
<i>Our share of the office expense for the Bishop's office.</i>				
Commission on Archives & History	2,500	2,500		0.0%
<i>Provides meeting and administrative expenses for the commission.</i>				
Conference Center	92,260	69,085	(28,035)	-28.9%
Salaries	41,200	29,000	(13,000)	-31.0%
Business & Professional Expenses	500	500	-	0.0%
Social Security	3,160	2,185	(875)	-28.6%
Pension & Benefit	2,500	2,500	-	0.0%
Health Insurance	-	-	(9,000)	100.0%
Worker Comp	700	700	-	0.0%
Telephone	4,000	4,000	-	0.0%
Supplies	350	350	(150)	-30.0%
Postage & Delivery	1,750	1,750	250	16.7%
Office Equipment Replacement	1,500	1,500	600	-28.6%
Equipment Maintenance	1,750	1,750	1,750	100.0%
Auditing	6,500	6,500	-	0.0%
Office Rent	21,600	11,600	(7,160)	-38.2%
Insurance & Bonding	3,200	3,200	-	0.0%

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	2012 Requested	2012 Approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
Printing & Copying	750	750	650	650.0%
Facilities Maintenance	300	300	100	50.0%
Outside Professional Expenses	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
Misc	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides for the operational expenses of the Conference Office housed at East UMC in Anchorage. Expenses include salary and benefits for the office staff, rent, supplies, etc.</i>			
Conference Journal	2,750	2,750	250	10.0%
	<i>Provides funds for the creation of a journal incorporating the work of the Conference Secretary and Statistician.</i>			
	2012 requested	2012 approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
Council on Finance and Administration	500	100	(400)	-20.0%
Office of the Treasurer	32,500	32,500	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides administrative funds for the Council and the annual contract cost for Treasury and financial services provided by the Pacific Northwest Conference Treasurer's office.</i>			
General Conference Administration	4,158	4,158	128	3.1%
	<i>A General Church apportionment covering our share of the cost of the quadrennial General Conference Session and other general administrative costs of the church at large.</i>			
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	956	956	(16)	-1.6%
	<i>General Church apportionment covering our share of the participation in various ecumenical agencies.</i>			
Jurisdictional Administration Fund	1,397	1,397	330	33.5%
	<i>A Western Jurisdiction apportionment to cover our share of the quadrennial conference and administrative costs.</i>			
Lay Leader Expense	5,220	5,220	(780)	-13.0%
	<i>Provides for the expenses of the Conference Lay Leader who represents the Alaska United Methodist Conference at Jurisdictional and General Church gatherings.</i>			
Professional Ministries Unit	7,000	7,000	(1,750)	-14.8%
	<i>Provides for funding of the Professional Church Workers retreat, Ethic Training, new clergy orientation, clergy matters, and unit administration.</i>			
Western Jurisdiction VIM Coordinator	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Our share to the Jurisdictional VIM Coordinator.</i>			

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	2012 Requested	2012 Approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
Volunteers in Mission	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides travel and administrative costs for the Alaska VIM Coordinator.</i>			
Delegate Expense Fund	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides part of the cost of sending our general and jurisdictional delegates to these quadrennial meetings. This funding is over the course of the quadrennium..</i>			
Quadrennial Training Travel	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides funds for training programs of the General and Jurisdiction Conferences that are held at the beginning of each quadrennium. This funding is over the course of the quadrennium.</i>			
Property Repair & Maintenance Fund	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides funds for repair, maintenance and other costs on the Mission and Wesleyan House properties.</i>			
Contingency Fund	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides funds for unanticipated administrative expenses that occur during the year.</i>			
	189,241	168,666	(13,223)	-6.4%
	2012 Requested	2012 Approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
World Service & Conference Benevolence Fund				
World Service Fund	36,411	36,411	(521)	-1.4%
	<i>The primary benevolent responsibility of each local United Methodist congregation. World Service is apportioned by the General Church to all conferences and provides the main source of funds for the church's worldwide ministries. This fund provides all or a substantial part of the financial support of our general church program boards, commissions, councils and missionary personnel.</i>			
Connectional Ministries	116,800	58,400	(58,400)	-50.0%
Salary	61,800	30,900	(30,900)	50.0%
Pension & Benefits	21,400	10,700	(10,700)	-50.0%
Travel & Professional Expenses	24,000	12,000	(12,000)	-50.0%
Continuing Education	1,500	750	(750)	-50.0%
Worker Comp	600	300	(300)	-50.0%
Program	7,500	Approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
	<i>Provides funds for the Director of Connectional Ministry, salary and benefits, and professional expenses.</i>			

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	2012 Requested	2012 Approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
Conference Coordinating Council	750	750	-	0.0%
Fall and Winter Rendezvous' Travel	17,000	17,000	1,000	6.25%
	<i>Provides for travel and other meeting costs.</i>			
Campus Ministries	20,000	20,000	-	0.0%
UAA /APU	6,000	6,000	-	0.0%
UAF	14,000	14,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides support for campus ministries in Fairbanks and Anchorage.</i>			
Communications	700	700	200	23.3%
	<i>Provides for Conference web site and other communication.</i>			
Native Ministries	4,500	2,500	(2,000)	-40.0%
	<i>Provides funding for travel, worship resources, and promotional material for Native Awareness Sunday offering. Native Ministry is supported by accumulated reserves of \$49,000</i>			
New Ministries	21,000	21,000	(4,250)	-14.2%
	<i>Provides funding for new ministries opportunities, and administration.</i>			
Church and Community Worker	15,000	15,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides funds for work among native people in Willow, Anvik, and Grayling</i>			
Ecumenical Opportunities	1,000	1,000	500	50.0%
	<i>Provides funds for participation in ecumenical work in Alaska.</i>			
Council on Youth Ministries	1,500	-	(1,250)	100.0%
	<i>Provides funding for the Conference Council on Youth Ministry, including internet, a mission trip, a youth rally . Funded from reserves</i>			
	2012 Requested	2012 Approved	\$ +/- 2011	% +/- 2011
Conference Outdoor Ministries	23,200	23,200	750	3.1%
	<i>Provides funding for travel, administration, program expenses of the committee and funds for Birchwood and Eagle River.</i>			
United Methodist Men	900	900	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides funds for men's activities</i>			
Conference Secretary of Global Ministries	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
	<i>Provides travel expenses to attend annual meeting of Western Jurisdiction Conference Secretaries of Global Ministries meeting.</i>			

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Coordinator of Disaster Preparedness	1,500	1,500	-	0.0%
<i>Provides funding for the conference coordinator to work with other disaster agencies.</i>				

Regional Program Councils	<u>15,500</u>	 	(2,500)	-15.2%
Kenai	2,500		-	0.0%
Northern	4,000		-	0.0%
South Central	3,750		(1,250)	-26.3%
South East	4,750		(1,250)	-26.3%
<i>Provides funding for the program councils.</i>				

274,761 211,861 (371) -0.1%

Other General Conference Apportionments

Ministerial Education Fund	12,080	12,080	(397)	-3.1%
Black College Fund	4,818	4,818	(159)	-3.1%
Africa University Fund	1,078	1,078	(36)	-3.1%
	<u>17,976</u>	<u>17,976</u>	(592)	-3.1%
Total Conference Budget	<u>743,646</u>	 	(102,892)	-13.6%

Anticipated Income

Apportionments	646,646	 	(79,367)	-12.4%
Parish Assistance Grants	Eq Comp	20,000	20,000	0.0%
Parish Partners Fund(AUMC Advance Special)		5,000	5,000	-
	Eq Comp			-
From Reserves	DCM	25,000	12,500	(27,500) -68.7%
Rental Income	DS	35,000	35,000	(2,000) -5.4%
Investment Income	Eq Comp	<u>12,000</u>	<u>12,000</u>	- 0.0%
		743,646	660,171	(102,892) -13.6%

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Pastors' Compensation

Church/ Charge	Cash Salary	Housing Exclusion	Total Cash Salary		Housing	Plan Compensation	ARP
Anchor Park/ East	60,000	0	60,000	P	15,000	75,000	5,800
Anchor Park/ East Assoc.	40,000	0	40,000	P	10,000	50,000	4,500
First Samoan	28,585	0	28,585	H	0	28,585	0
Anchorage Korean	24,000	0	24,000	H	19,200	43,200	3,600
St. John Assoc.	42,963	0	42,963	H	28,642	71,605	2,300
St. John	60,000	5,000	65,000	H	30,000	95,000	2,000
Turnagain	40,050	0	40,050	H	10,800	50,850	1,250
Chugiak	46,868	0	46,868	P	11,717	58,585	6,200
Douglas Community	40,008	0	40,008	P	10,002	50,010	1,700
Fairbanks: First	48,671	0	48,671	H	35,524	84,195	7,000
Girdwood Chapel	44,370	5,000	49,370	H	22,910	72,280	5,700
Homer	36,412	10,000	46,412	P	11,603	58,015	2,000
Juneau: Aldersgate	40,549	3,400	43,949	P	10,987	54,936	2,063
Juneau: Northern Light	47,250	0	47,250	P	11,813	59,063	4,000
Kenai: New Covenant	45,412	0	45,412	P	11,353	56,765	3,000
Nikiski: North Star	43,612	0	43,612	P	10,903	54,515	4,600
Ninilchik: St Peter the Fisherman	15,813	0	15,813	P	3,953	19,766	3,660
Nome Community	27,131	0	27,131	P	6,783	33,914	0
Nome Community	27,131	0	27,131	P	6,783	33,914	0
North Pole: New Hope	44,349	0	44,349	H	22,000	66,349	2,900
Palmer Fellowship	12,000	0	12,000	P	3,000	15,000	3,000
Seward Memorial/Moose Pass	45,250	0	45,250	P	11,313	56,563	1,000
Sitka	42,412	0	42,412	P	10,603	53,015	2,500
Soldotna	47,421	0	47,421	P	11,855	59,276	4,000
Unalaska	14,915	0	14,915	P	3,729	18,644	0
Unalaska	36,746	6,000	42,746	P	10,687	53,433	1,000
Wasilla: Christ First	44,860	3,600	48,460	P	12,115	60,575	3,000
Willow	44,012	0	44,012	P	11,003	55,015	4,200

This compensation information reflects action by the Charge Conference setting the pastor's compensation, effective January 1, 2011. The following notes are applicable;

1. Housing allowance is designated by an "H" and parsonage by a "P". If pastor lives in a parsonage the Housing column represents 25% of the Total Cash Salary column.
2. Total Cash Salary is the total of Cash Salary + Housing Exclusion
3. Housing Exclusion includes compensation designated for utilities and furnishings (non-taxable) not paid by local church.
4. Cash Salary includes salary reductions for flexible spending account and/or United Methodist Personal Investment Plan contributions.
5. ARP stands for Accountable Reimbursement Plan professional expenses. The expenses are not included in cash salary. This represents the budgeted amount set by church to cover professional and business expenses of pastor.
6. The plan compensation is the combination of the Total Cash Salary and Housing. It is used by the denomination to determine benefit costs.
7. Some churches might not be listed. If they are not listed a 2011 plan compensation worksheet was not received.
8. 2011 minimum salary for full-time appointment (Total Cash Salary) is \$37,284 plus area cost of living adjustment and experience factor.

Rose receives a farewell gift after 24 years of service

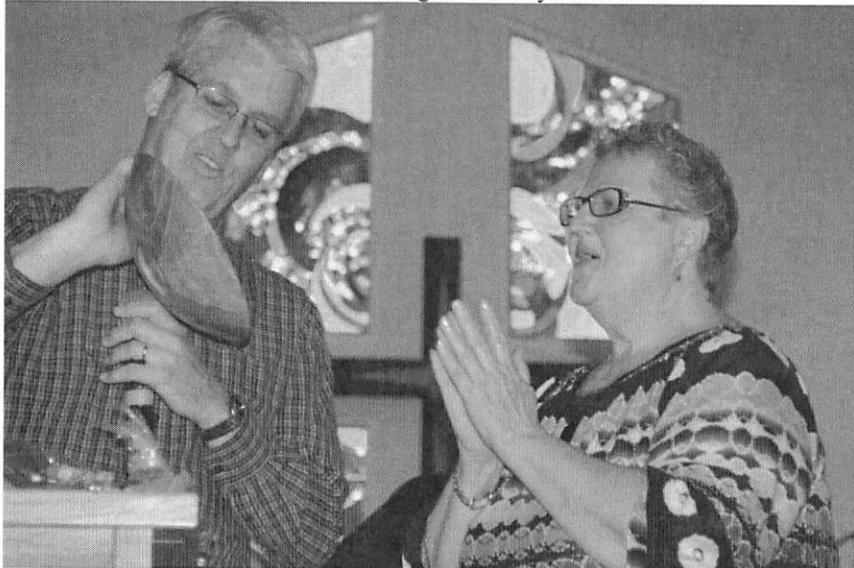


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"O goody. Is that really for me?"

XI. RULE CHANGES

RULE CHANGE 1

R2.10 . . . LAY MEMBERSHIP FROM CHURCHES: The charge conference of each charge shall elect a lay member and one (1) or more alternate members of the AUMC quadrennially at the charge conference following the quadrennial meeting of the General Conference. Lay members whose terms would otherwise expire at the end of 2003 will, with the enactment of this rule, have their terms extended through 31 December 2004. Each charge served by more than one clergy shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy. ~~Each congregation of a charge shall be entitled to lay representation, provided there are not more than two (2) lay members from each congregation.~~ If a local church that is part of a charge consisting of two or more churches does not have one of its members elected to serve as a lay member of the AUMC, then that church may elect one of its members to serve as a collegial lay representative to the AUMC. Such a collegial lay representative shall have voice, but not vote, in all matters that come before the AUMC. If a church elects a collegial lay representative it must notify the AUMC Superintendent prior to the convening of the Annual Conference who will serve in this capacity, and the collegial lay representative will be subject to all the powers, duties, and privileges of lay members except those that accrue to the power of the vote.

R2.20 . . . NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Non-members of the AUMC having membership on one of its agencies, units, councils, committees, task forces, or societies shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters relating to the report of said unit, council, committee, task force, or society. In addition the following persons shall have the privilege of the floor without vote:

Lay home missionaries related to the GBGM

Other missionaries serving within the bounds of the AUMC

A CCYM representative from each region

A representative of a fellowship meeting regularly and authorized by the AUMC Superintendent

A collegial lay representative from a local church that does not have a lay member elected from among its membership

The AUMC may authorize national workers, pastors of ecumenical parishes, official visitors of other denominations, and ordained United Methodist clergy who are not otherwise members of the AUMC to be accorded the same privilege.

RULE CHANGE 2**R5.1007 . . . CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY (CCYM) AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (CCYYAM)**

PURPOSE . . . To empower youth and young adults in their relationship with the Spirit of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, strengthening youth ministry and young adult ministries in the local churches and organizations of the AUMC, and facilitating the youths' and young adults' own efforts to invite others into relationship as disciples of Christ.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The recommended membership of the CCYYAM is two (2) youth or young adult representatives and one (1) adult regional advisor from each of the four regions of the Conference. The youth and young adult representatives shall elect a President from within their body who has full voting rights in the AUMC. In addition, CCYYAM regional youth and young adult representatives or designated alternates will have privilege of the floor without vote.

MEETINGS . . . It is recommended that the CCYYAM have an annual meeting.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties of the CCYYAM shall be:

To initiate and support plans and activities and projects that are of particular interest to youth and young adults.

To be an advocate for the free expression of the convictions of youth and young adults on issues vital to them.

To support and facilitate, where deemed necessary, the formation of youth and young adult caucuses.

To cooperate with the boards and agencies of the AUMC, receiving recommendations from and making recommendations to the same.

To elect and certify AUMC representatives to the Western Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Convocation and the United Methodist Youth Organization.

To receive and set the policy and criteria for its portion of the Youth Service Fund, establish the policy for YSF education, and be responsible for YSF promotion throughout the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The CCYYAM is linked by its President or other elected representative to the CCC. The CCYYAM is responsible to the CF&A for its operational budget and expenditures. The CCYYAM will make a yearly report of its efforts to the annual conference of the AUMC.

RULE CHANGE 3

R5.1013 . . . NEW MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The New Ministries Committee shall plan and coordinate new church development and church extension activities within the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the New Ministries Committee shall be at least the following with others as elected on nomination by the Committee on Nominations:

Four (4) lay persons

Four (4) clergy

AMC VIM Coordinator

Church and Community Workers Serving within the bounds of the AUMC

The New Ministries Committee shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference..

MEETINGS . . . The New Ministries Committee shall meet at least twice (2 times) per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . At the direction of the Presiding Bishop and the AUMC, the New Ministries Committee shall:

Administer all church extension and congregational development funds of the AUMC, including planning and coordinating all church extension activities, soliciting funds for church extension through Advance Special giving, publicizing church extension activities, and assisting missionaries on itineration.

Assist in the implementation of the priority strategy of new church development.

To actively promote the development of new ministries within the AUMC.

RULE CHANGE 4

R5.1015 . . . PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES UNIT (PMU)

PURPOSE . . . The Professional Ministries Unit oversees and reviews all matters pertaining to the professional ministry of the AUMC (ordained and diaconal).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Professional Ministries Unit should be:

Five (5) members nominated by the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Chair of the Professional Ministries Unit:

— three (3) ordained clergy

— one (1) diaconal minister

— one (1) two (2) lay persons

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XII. RULES OF ORDER

DIVISION 1 . . . ORGANIZATION OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

R1.00...NAME: Created by The United Methodist Church as a missionary conference, the name of the conference shall be The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC). It may be known informally as The Alaska Conference, and its Board of Trustees may be incorporated under the name The Alaska United Methodist Conference, Inc.

R1.00 . . . CONVENING: The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC) shall convene its annual conference on the date set by the Presiding Bishop of the area as provided in the United Methodist Discipline (Disc., 2008, ¶603.2).

R1.05 . . . PLANNING COMMITTEE: The annual conference Planning Committee (ACPC) shall plan the annual conference. (See R5.1002 for the composition and duties of this committee.)

DIVISION 2 . . . MEMBERSHIP

R2.00 . . . CATEGORIES: The categories of clergy membership in the AUMC shall be:

AFFILIATE: Ordained United Methodist clergy appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the area to serve United Methodist Churches and/or ecumenical agencies and ecumenical shared ministries within the boundaries of the AUMC shall have affiliate status and full voting rights as provided in the 2008 *Book of Discipline*, ¶586.5. This category does not include those serving in the category of Indigenous.

COLLEGIAL: Ordained clergy of other denominations who meet disciplinary requirements (Disc., 2008, ¶346.2) and who are appointed by the Presiding Bishop of the area to serve in United Methodist Churches or ecumenical shared ministries or are hired by ecumenical agencies shall have the right of participation as defined in the *Book of Discipline*. Collegial means in association with the AUMC.

INDIGENOUS: Indigenous persons in The Alaska United Methodist Conference who have been ordained by a United Methodist bishop, or who have been ordained by another church in ministerial communion with The United Methodist Church when the orders of such a person are recognized and accepted by the Presiding Bishop, who apply for membership and who are accepted for membership by the bishop shall be clergy members in full connection of The Alaska United Methodist Conference.

As provided in ¶588 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*, any other portion of the *Discipline* notwithstanding, there shall be a Council of Native Elders (the Council). The Council shall have the right to recommend to the bishop Alaska indigenous persons as candidates for ordination as elders and deacons. The bishop, in consultation with the AUMC Superintendent, shall have the authority to act on the recommendation. The bishop may appoint indigenous persons to be members of the Council. Candidates for ordination approved through this process shall be ordained by the bishop at an ordination service during the time of the annual conference of the AUMC.

R2.01 . . . COVENANT STATEMENT: The Alaska United Methodist Conference at its 1996 annual conference established the right of full ministerial membership. As we enter this time of transition toward conference membership, it is important as persons, lay and clergy of the AUMC in this conference, to affirm what it means to be The Alaska United Methodist Conference of The United Methodist Church. As persons fully aware of the expanded opportunities for ministry in The Alaska United Methodist Conference, and with the knowledge that because of that opportunity we will become a different body, some of whom will be full

members and others who will be affiliate members of The Alaska United Methodist Conference, we covenant together to

- pray for the well-being of each person and their ministry and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this emerging conference and its leaders
- recognize the unique nature of our conference and to work against any process or perception that would unnecessarily highlight the differentiation between the members and the affiliates and thus fragment our community.
- acknowledge and respect the theological, cultural, professional and gender diversity that we represent, by modeling inclusiveness at all levels, conscientiously respecting professional boundaries both in our personal lives and in our corporate life together and actively upholding and affirming each other's ministries.
- participate, to the best of our ability, in conference activities so that our connections with each other will be strengthened through genuine support and accountability.
- be assertive when we feel we have been wronged, stay in dialogue when disagreements arise, utilize the process set forth in our Discipline, recognize and adhere to the lines of authority expressed therein and strive to be fair and kind in our speech and our process.
- actively welcome and encourage new members, both temporary and permanent, while respecting and listening to the insights and experience of our established members.

"Support without accountability promotes moral weakness; accountability without support is a form of cruelty." (2008 Discipline, ¶ 101: "General Rules and Social Principles")

We the people of God called United Methodist, in ministry in The Alaska United Methodist Conference, grounded in the creative power of the living Word, and immersed in the grace of God through Jesus the Christ, commit ourselves to this covenant. May we truly be to each other and to the world the body of Christ.

R2.03...SUPERINTENDENCY: If the presiding bishop appoints more than one person to superintend the work of the Church in the AUMC, then there shall be formed a Superintending Team (Team). The Team shall consist of those persons appointed by the bishop to superintend the Church in the AUMC. The Team shall form its own organization and shall choose for itself, under the supervision of the bishop, how it shall divide the work of superintending. However, each church in the AUMC will receive clear and prompt information about which member of the Team is to be that church's primary contact among the Team members for advice and assistance as required.

The Team will choose for itself which member shall perform the superintending functions specified in these rules, and on any body of the AUMC which requires membership of the AUMC superintendent, any one or more members of the Team may represent the Team. However, if more than one Team member attends a meeting of such a body, then only one will be empowered with vote on those bodies on which the superintendent has a vote. In the interest of continuity and order the Team is encouraged to maintain consistent representation on each AUMC body providing for membership of a superintendent.

R2.04...SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENSATION: If one person is appointed to be the Superintendent of the AUMC, then the Superintendent's salary will be established by the Professional Ministries Unit at 150% of the Conference Average Compensation (CAC) for the most recent year for which information is available from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits if no parsonage is provided to the Superintendent. If a parsonage is provided, then the Superintendent's salary will be 120% of the CAC. In any event, the Superintendent will be provided with an additional allowance of four percent (4%) of compensation per year for utility expenses. These amounts will be computed at such time as to be included in the budget recommendation the Council on Finance and Administration presents to the AUMC for establishing the conference budget for the succeeding calendar year, and the Superintendent's compensation will not be changed at any other time.

R2.05 . . . INSTITUTION AND AGENCY MEMBERS: Institutions and agencies related to the AUMC and/or the GBGM shall be fully franchised in the AUMC and shall be allowed two (2) voting members (one lay person and one clergy), both of whom shall be members of The United Methodist Church in accordance with constitutional requirements (Disc., 2008, ¶586.5). Institutions and agencies currently related to the AUMC are:

Alaska Children's Services, Inc.
Alaska Pacific University
Nome Community Center
United Campus Ministry, Inc. Fairbanks
University Community Ministry, Anchorage
Wesley Rehabilitation Center of Seward

R2.10 . . . LAY MEMBERSHIP FROM CHURCHES: The charge conference of each charge shall elect a lay member and one (1) or more alternate members of the AUMC quadrennially at the charge conference following the quadrennial meeting of the General Conference. Lay members whose terms would otherwise expire at the end of 2003 will, with the enactment of this rule, have their terms extended through 31 December 2004. Each charge served by more than one clergy shall be entitled to as many lay members as there are clergy. If a local church that is part of a charge consisting of two or more churches does not have one of its members elected to serve as a lay member of the AUMC, then that church may elect one of its members to serve as a collegial lay representative to the AUMC. Such a collegial lay representative shall have voice, but not vote, in all matters that come before the AUMC. If a church elects a collegial lay representative it must notify the AUMC Superintendent prior to the convening of the Annual Conference who will serve in this capacity, and the collegial lay representative will be subject to all the powers, duties, and privileges of lay members except those that accrue to the power of the vote.

R2.15 . . . LAY MEMBERS AT LARGE: The AUMC lay leader, the president of United Methodist Women (UMW), president or one of the members of the Conference Council of Youth Ministry (CCYM), diaconal ministers serving in the AUMC, and the active deaconesses under episcopal appointment within the bounds of the AUMC shall be members of the AUMC provided that they have been members of The United Methodist Church for at least two (2) years (Disc., 2008, ¶32).

R2.20 . . . NON-MEMBER PARTICIPATION: Non-members of the AUMC having membership on one of its agencies, units, councils, committees, task forces, or societies shall be entitled to the privilege of the floor, without vote, on matters relating to the report of said unit, council, committee, task force, or society. In addition the following persons shall have the privilege of the floor without vote:

Lay home missionaries related to the GBGM
Other missionaries serving within the bounds of the AUMC
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A collegial lay representative from a local church that does not have a lay member elected from among its membership

The AUMC may authorize national workers, pastors of ecumenical parishes, official visitors of other denominations, and ordained United Methodist clergy who are not otherwise members of the AUMC to be accorded the same privilege.

R2.25 . . . EQUAL MEMBERSHIP: In order to achieve equality of lay and clergy membership at the annual conference, the Presiding Bishop and AUMC Superintendent may appoint a committee each year to select lay persons to equalize membership (Disc., 2008, ¶32).

DIVISION 3 . . . ATTENDANCE

R3.00 . . . ATTENDANCE: Clergy members, lay members, and missionaries are expected to attend the annual conference sessions on a full-time basis unless excused by the AUMC superintendent.

R3.05 . . . REIMBURSEMENT: Reimbursement for approved expenses as defined by the Council on Finance and Administration will be paid for clergy members, lay members, local pastors, home missionaries, diaconal ministers, deaconesses, the AUMC secretary, the statistician, the treasurer, the historian, the chancellor, the chairperson of the CFA, and AUMC staff personnel as approved by the AUMC Superintendent.

DIVISION 4 . . . OFFICERS OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE

R4.00 . . . NUMBER, NAME, AND MANNER OF ELECTION: The officers of the AUMC shall be:

President: The Presiding Bishop of the Area presides at all sessions of the AUMC.

Secretary: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected at the first session of the AUMC following the general conference, the Secretary serves for a quadrennium and keeps the minutes of all sessions of the AUMC and edits the journal of the AUMC.

Statistician: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected at the first session of the AUMC following the General Conference, the Statistician serves for a quadrennium and keeps the statistical record of the AUMC.

Treasurer: Nominated by CFA with the confirmation by the AUMC at its next session, the Treasurer manages the financial office of the AUMC and provides reports of financial operation.

Conference Coordinating Council Chairperson: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations at the annual conference following General Conference. Shall serve for the quadrennium.

Historian: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations, the Historian keeps the historical record of the AUMC.

Chancellor: Nominated by the Presiding Bishop of the Area with the concurrence of the AUMC, the Chancellor serves as general counsel on legal matters for the AUMC.

Conference Lay Leader: Nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by ballot quadrennially at the first session of the lay members of the AUMC following the regular session of General Conference. The current lay leader will preside over the election and is not prohibited from candidacy or from reelection. When the election is held, additional nominations will be received from the floor. Only lay members of the AUMC will have vote in the election, and election will be by a majority of the valid ballots cast. Balloting will continue until an election is declared by the presiding officer. If a vacancy in the office occurs between sessions of the AUMC, then the office will be filled by a lay member of a church in the AUMC chosen by a committee consisting of the Bishop, the AUMC Superintendent, the AUMC President of United Methodist Women, and the AUMC President of United Methodist Men. The person so selected shall serve until the next lay session of the AUMC, at which time a person will be elected to fill the unexpired term of office.

Assistant Secretary(ies) and Statistician(s): Nominated annually by the Secretary and Statistician respectively, or appointed ad interim with concurrence of the AUMC at its opening session, the assistants provide assistance in the recording of the minutes and tabulation of statistics of the AUMC.

DIVISION 5 . . . STANDING COMMITTEES, UNITS, AND COUNCILS OF THE ALASKA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE.

R5.00 . . . NAME AND NUMBER: The standing committees, units, and councils of the AUMC shall be:

Administrative Unit

Alaska Christian Conference Delegation

Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Commission on Archives and History

Committee on Communications

Committee on Mission Personnel

Committee on Nominations

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- Conference Coordinating Council
- Conference Council on Youth Ministry
- Continuing Consultation with the General Board of Global Ministries
- Council on Finance and Administration
- Courtesy Committee
- Joint Missionary Conference Consultation Committee
- Native Ministry Committee
- New Ministries Committee
- Outdoor Ministries Committee
- Professional Ministry Unit
- Board of Laity
- Regional Program Councils for Southeast, Northern, Southcentral, and Kenai Peninsula Regions.

R5.0100...In order to ensure compliance with the United Methodist *Book of Discipline*, the function of each annual conference agency specified in the *Discipline* shall be filled by an AUMC agency as indicated herein following. By a method to be selected by the conference agency to which responsibility for the area of ministry is herein assigned, the agency shall select a member to bear principal responsibility for that ministry. Between sessions of the Annual Conference the CCC shall have authority to make changes in these assignments to optimize our connections to the general church.

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Council on Youth Ministry ¶649	Council on Youth Ministry R5.1007
Committee on Disability Concerns ¶653	Administrative Unit R5.1000
Committee on Native American Ministry ¶654	Native Ministries Committee R5.1012
Committee on Superintendency ¶668	Professional Ministries Unit R5.1015

R5.0500 . . . PLENARY POWER: All standing committees, units, and councils shall have plenary power in the interim between sessions of the AUMC.

R5.0501 . . . COMPOSITION: The Committee on Nominations in forwarding nominations to the AUMC for standing committees, units, and councils shall strive for balance with regard to ethnicity, gender, and region in their membership. In addition, to ensure the voice of youth and young adults is heard in the decision making processes of the AUMC, prior to beginning its deliberations the Committee will solicit from the pastor of each church in the conference the names of people in those categories who should be considered for service.

R5.0502 . . . TENURE: No person shall serve on any standing committee, council, or unit of the AUMC (whose members are elected by the AUMC) more than eight (8) years, consecutively, and chairpersons shall not serve more than four (4) years, consecutively, with the following exceptions:

- Service of one (1) or two (2) years to fill a vacant position on a quadrennially elected standing committee shall not be counted for the purpose of this rule.
- In the case of committees elected in other term classes, the maximum period of service shall be two (2) terms, with the provision that a one (1) year filling of a vacancy prior to the first term shall not count for the purpose of this rule.
- Exofficio members who serve by virtue of their office, including members of the CCC, shall not be affected by this rule.

R5.0503 . . . ORGANIZATION: Standing committees, units, and councils shall elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary except Administrative Unit, Commission on Archives and History, Conference Coordinating Council, Committee on Native American Ministries, New Ministries Committee, Council on Finance and Administration, and Outdoor Ministries Committee.

R5.0504 . . . VACANCIES: Vacancies that occur between sessions of the Annual Conference will be filled by the procedure provided in the *Book of Discipline* when such a procedure is provided, as in the case of the Board of Trustees. When a procedure is not provided in the *Book of Discipline*, then the AUMC Superintendent will recommend to the Committee on Nominations a person to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, and the Committee on Nominations shall make the selection by majority vote. The person so selected will serve until the term for which he or she was selected expires, at which time the normal election procedure will be followed.

R5.10 . . . DEFINITION AND DESCRIPTION

R5.1000 . . . ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Administrative Unit is to serve in the AUMC as the Board of Trustees (¶2512), the Commission on Equitable Compensation (¶625), the Board of Pensions (¶639), the District Board of Church Location and Building (¶2518), the AUMC Foundation Committee (¶613.17), and the Rules Committee.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . There shall be twelve (12) members, and it is recommended that one-third be clergy, one third laywomen, and one-third laymen, in accordance with the provisions of ¶2512.1. Among the twelve members, the AUMC Superintendent and the AUMC Treasurer shall serve as full voting members, except that if the Treasurer is a member of the paid staff of the AUMC, the Treasurer shall serve as a member without vote. The members shall elect their own officers in accordance with ¶2512.2, and those persons elected to be officers of the Board of Trustees shall be the officers of the Administrative Unit.

MEETINGS . . . The Administrative Unit shall meet at least two (2) times per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

To fulfill the requirements of the United Methodist Discipline and the Rules of the AUMC related to equitable compensation, property and associated matters, pensions and benefits, church location and building, and AUMC rules of order.

To oversee the management and affairs of the Alaska United Methodist Foundation, convened for that purpose as the AUMC Board of Trustees which shall also serve as the AUMC Foundation Committee.

To propose to the AUMC such amendments (if any) to the AUMC rules of order as may be necessary to keep the rules up-to-date with the practice and operation of the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Administrative Unit shall be accountable to the AUMC and shall be linked to the Conference Coordinating Council through its chair who shall be a CCC member.

R5.1001 . . . ALASKA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE DELEGATION

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Conference is to clarify and strengthen our witness to Christ as Lord of the church and world by:

A. Acknowledging Christ's Lordship in worship, word, and action.

B. Attempting to apply more effectively the substance and insights of the Christian Gospel to the structures and institutions of this state, reminding all that every structure exists to serve humanity and is accountable to God.

C. Providing means of cooperation and communication with agencies and movements which further the common purpose of the members of the Conference.

D. Providing forums and places of communication and sharing work of the churches as a means whereby duplication of offices and efforts may be lessened.

E. Doing together all things save those which we must in conscience and obedience do separately.

F. Promoting the spirit of ecumenism, cultivation of inter-church fellowship in communities throughout the state, and fostering dialogue in the realm of faith and order.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . Each member ecclesiastical unit shall be entitled to five (5) representatives (executive, clergy, layman, laywoman, and youth under 21 years of age) in the Assembly plus one (1) additional person for each 1,000 confirmed or adult members or major fraction thereof. At least one-half (1/2) of the elected representatives of each member unit shall be lay persons.

There shall be an Executive Board composed of:

1. One administrator of each member ecclesiastical unit.

2. The officers of the Assembly.

3. One lay representative of each member ecclesiastical body.

Delegates of the AUMC to the ACC who serve by virtue of their office shall serve during the term of their effective appointment. Other delegates shall serve for a two-year period and shall be elected at the annual conference preceding the meeting of the ACC Assembly.

MEETINGS . . . A biennial meeting of the Assembly shall be held at a time and place set by the ACC Executive Board. The Executive Board shall meet at least semi-annually. Special sessions may be called.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties and responsibilities are such as shall enhance the purpose of the ACC. Those elected by The Alaska United Methodist Conference shall be expected to attend the biennial assembly.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The autonomy and integrity of each ecclesiastical unit will be respected at all times. A report shall be made to the annual conference of the AUMC immediately following each biennial Assembly.

R5.1002 . . . ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE (ACPC)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Annual Conference Planning Committee is to oversee the planning of the annual conference of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The members of the ACPC shall be the Bishop of the area, the AUMC Superintendent, the AUMC Director of Connectional Ministries, the Conference Secretary, the AUMC-UMW President or representative, the AUMC-UMM

President or representative, the AUMC Lay Leader, the Chair for Worship (appointed by the ACPC), and the Pastor and Lay Leader of the host church or charge. In the event that a church-related institution is host, representatives of the host agency shall be added to the committee, together with such Pastor(s) as the AUMC shall appoint.

The AUMC Superintendent shall convene the ACPC.

The ACPC shall be appointed annually.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings shall be called as needed to plan the annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The ACPC is responsible for planning the annual conference, its budget, sessions, local arrangements, and any other concerns as needed.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The ACPC is directly amenable to the AUMC and the Presiding Bishop.

R5.1003 . . . COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

PURPOSE . . . The Commission on Archives and History shall retain, share and interpret the history of The Alaska United Methodist Conference. It shall work diligently to interest the present members of the Conference and others throughout The United Methodist Church in the history of The Alaska United Methodist Conference.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . the Committee on Nominations shall nominate a Chair and five members, at least two clergy and two lay, to serve for a quadrennium. The Committee on Nominations shall nominate a conference historian and at least one and no more than two conference archivists. These persons shall serve as ex-officio members of the Commission and will be included in the total of six members of the Commission. The archivist shall be responsible for maintaining a catalogue of the location and content of all items stored for present and future use. The historian shall be available to assist local churches in planning historical observances, be available to assist the AUMC in celebrating periodic historical occasions and interpret to the conference the work and mission of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History.

MEETINGS . . . The Commission shall meet at least twice a year by tele-conference. Other meetings will be scheduled as funds are available.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Commission shall collect historical books, documents, journals, photographs, video and audio tapes containing important historical data and carry out the best means possible of preserving the historical record, both past and present, of The Alaska United Methodist Conference. It shall transmit items to the United Methodist Archives as are of general church interest.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The Commission on Archives and History shall be accountable to The Alaska United Methodist Conference and shall send a written report to the AUMC. It shall send a written report to the Conference Coordinating Council at its annual meeting. The AUMC Superintendent shall be the staff contact.

R5.1004 . . . COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Committee on Communications is to encourage and facilitate communication within the churches and agencies of the AUMC and with the general United Methodist Church.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . A communications coordinator shall be nominated quadrennially by the Committee on Nominations. That person shall serve on the Committee on Communications with as many others as are necessary to do the work.

MEETINGS . . . The committee shall meet informally as needed.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . (see purpose)

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Directly accountable to the AUMC through the nomination process.

R5.1005 . . . COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS (CON)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of CON is to select persons to place in nomination before the AUMC to fill such vacancies as there may be in the organization of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the CON shall be nominated from the floor at the first session of the AUMC following the general conference. The members shall serve for the succeeding quadrennium. Eight (8) persons shall be elected from the nominees: four (4) clergy and four (4) lay persons. The AUMC Superintendent and the AUMC Lay Leader shall also serve on the CON.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings are held at least annually at annual conference and at such other times as may be considered necessary to do the business of the committee.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . (spelled out in PURPOSE)

To nominate the Conference Lay Leader and the chairpersons of the following Conference Committees: New Ministries, Native Ministries, Outdoor Ministries, and Conference Coordinating Council. All other officers shall be elected by the committees, units, or council themselves.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The CON is directly accountable to the AUMC through its nomination of the committee from the floor.

R5.1006 . . . CONFERENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CCC)

PURPOSE . . . The CCC shall coordinate the work of the Regional Program Councils (RPC) and working units, supervising the implementation of the AUMC priority strategies and guiding the AUMC concerning ongoing strategic planning of program ministry. The CCC will also be the arena for addressing general church and conference themes and issues.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . It is recommended that the membership of the CCC should be comprised of approximately 50% laity and 50% clergy. The following are members of the CCC:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area
The AUMC Superintendent
The AUMC Director of Connectional Ministries
The AUMC Lay Leader
The Chairperson of the Conference Coordinating Council
The AUMC-UMW President or representatives
The AUMC-UMM President or representative
The Conference Council on Youth Ministry President or representative
The CF&A President or elected representative
The Professional Ministry Unit Chair or elected representative
The Administrative Unit Chair or elected representative
The Committee on Native American Ministries Chair or an elected representative
The New Ministries Committee Chair or an elected representative
The Outdoor Ministries Chair or an elected representative
The four (4) Regional Program Council chairs or their elected representatives
The Chairperson of the Conference Commission on Archives and History or their elected representative
Any UMC member in the AUMC who serves as a director of any UM general agency
A representative of the Board of Global Ministries (exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Treasurer (exofficio without vote unless the treasurer serves as a volunteer not hired by the AUMC)

The CCC shall elect its own leaders according to R5.0503 except for the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall be elected quadrennially by the AUMC at the annual conference following the General Conference and shall be an officer of the AUMC.

MEETINGS . . . The CCC shall meet at least twice (2 times) during the conference year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

1. Coordinate and oversee the administrative functions necessary to ensure that the Regional Program Councils will be able to carry out the ministry of the AUMC
2. Coordinate the work of the working units and councils
3. Supervise the implementation of priority strategies
4. Guide the AUMC in ongoing strategic planning of program ministry

5. Serve as the arena for addressing, discussing, and implementing action concerning AUMC and general church issues and themes

6. Work with the Director of Connectional Ministries in implementing program ministry

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Because the CCC membership comes from the administration, standing committees, units, and councils of the AUMC, the accountability and linkage shall be through its members and their representatives.

R5.1007 . . . CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES (CCYYAM)

PURPOSE . . . To empower youth and young adults in their relationship with the Spirit of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, strengthening youth and young adult ministries in the local churches and organizations of the AUMC, and facilitating the youths' and young adults' own efforts to invite others into relationship as disciples of Christ.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The recommended membership of the CCYYAM is two (2) youth or young adult representatives and one (1) adult regional advisor from each of the four regions of the Conference. The youth and young adult representatives shall elect a President from within their body who has full voting rights in the AUMC. In addition, CCYYAM regional youth and young adult representatives or designated alternates will have privilege of the floor without vote.

MEETINGS . . . It is recommended that the CCYYAM have an annual meeting.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties of the CCYYAM shall be:

To initiate and support plans and activities and projects that are of particular interest to youth and young adults.

To be an advocate for the free expression of the convictions of youth and young adults on issues vital to them.

To support and facilitate, where deemed necessary, the formation of youth and young adult caucuses.

To cooperate with the boards and agencies of the AUMC, receiving recommendations from and making recommendations to the same.

To elect and certify AUMC representatives to the Western Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Convocation and the United Methodist Youth Organization.

To receive and set the policy and criteria for its portion of the Youth Service Fund, establish the policy for YSF education, and be responsible for YSF promotion throughout the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The CCYYAM is linked by its President or other elected representative to the CCC. The CCYYAM is responsible to the CF&A for its operational budget and expenditures. The CCYYAM will make a yearly report of its efforts to the annual conference of the AUMC.

R5.1008 . . . CONTINUING CONSULTATION COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee monitors the relationship between the AUMC and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Continuing Consultation Committee is:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area

The AUMC Superintendent

Four (4) persons elected from the membership of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation by the AUMC, including in their membership at least one (1) lay person, an ordained clergy, and a woman.

Alternates for those who cannot attend meetings will be selected by the Presiding Bishop of the Area and the AUMC Superintendent from members of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation.

The membership of the Continuing Consultation Committee shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the AUMC each quadrennium at the meeting immediately following the General Conference. The membership from the GBGM shall include the liaison staff person to the AUMC and any other persons deemed appropriate by the General Secretary of the GBGM.

MEETINGS . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee shall meet at least once (1 time) per year. Expenses for any meeting are the responsibility of the GBGM.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The duties and responsibilities shall include but not be limited to:

Development of working personnel policies between GBGM and AUMC.

Development of working policies relating to land and property issues between GBGM and AUMC.

Interpretation of the 2008 Disc., ¶585 as it relates to AUMC/GBGM.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The Continuing Consultation Committee will link any appropriate policy changes to the appropriate committees. A report will be made at each annual conference of any policy changes or revisions.

R5.1009 . . . COUNCIL ON FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION (CFA)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the CFA is to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, procedures, and management services for the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of CFA shall be:

Nine (9) persons --- five (5) lay persons and four (4) clergy. AUMC Treasurer (exofficio without vote) --- shall serve as Treasurer of the CFA.

Any member of the General Council on Finance and Administration (exofficio with vote providing their membership is not in conflict with any other provision of the Book of Discipline, in which case it shall be without vote). GCFA members cannot serve on an agency receiving funding from the CFA.

The Presiding Bishop of the Area (exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Superintendent (exofficio without vote)

The Director of Connectional Ministries (exofficio without vote)

The CFA shall elect its own leaders according to R5.0503.

MEETINGS . . . The CFA shall meet at least two times per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . .

To fulfill the duties and responsibilities as required in *The Book of Discipline*, 2008, ¶¶613-618 and the AUMC Rules.

To develop, maintain, and administer fiscal and administrative policies and procedures for the AUMC.

To cooperate with the Administrative Unit in providing management services for the AUMC.

To provide for and administer the financial developments of the AUMC in cooperation with the Administrative Unit.

To develop and manage the yearly budget of the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGES . . . The CFA President is a member of the CCC.

R5.1010 . . . COURTESY COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The Courtesy Committee provides acts and/or tokens of courtesy and appreciation at the AUMC annual conference.

MEMBERSHIP . . . The Presiding Bishop of the Area shall appoint one (1) clergy and one (1) lay person to be the Courtesy Committee for the quadrennium.

MEETINGS . . . The Courtesy Committee shall meet in consultation with the AUMC Superintendent and/or Director of Connectional Ministries before the annual conference and as needed during the annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To make a public presentation of gratitude for persons and/or groups who have assisted in the annual conference experience or in the life of the AUMC.

To present an itemized list of expenses to the Annual Conference Planning Committee at the conclusion of their work.

To request a special solicitation of funds from the AUMC members to cover specific expenses before they are incurred (i.e. gifts).

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Courtesy Committee is accountable to the AUMC through the AUMC Superintendent.

R5.1011 . . . JOINT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE CONSULTATION

PURPOSE . . . The Joint Missionary Conference Consultation serves as a link between all of the Missionary Conferences and the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership shall be:

The Presiding Bishop of the Area

The AUMC Superintendent

President, United Methodist Women

Lay Leader, Alaska United Methodist Conference

A group of six (6) additional persons whose recommended composition shall be at least two (2) clergy, two (2) lay persons, and two (2) women nominated by the Committee on Nominations and elected by the AUMC each quadrennium at the annual conference immediately following General Conference.

MEETINGS . . . Meetings of the Joint Missionary Conference Consultation are called at the discretion of the GBGM. The GBGM pays the expenses of meetings.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Joint Missionary Conference Consultation is responsible for coordination of issues pertaining to Missionary Conferences and/or any necessary General Conference legislation that is pending.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . A report shall be made to the AUMC at its annual conference next following any meetings of the committee.

R5.1012 . . . COMMITTEE ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES (CONAM)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) is to be in ministry with Native American People, with an emphasis on Alaska's native peoples, to celebrate the enrichment Alaskans share as we worship and minister together, and to maintain connectional relationships.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of CONAM shall be as selected by the Native Elders of the AUMC. It is recommended that representation be sought from each of the four program regions of the AUMC.

CONAM shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . The Duties of CONAM shall be:

To raise the consciousness of Alaska United Methodists concerning the problems of racism in Alaska and in the world.

To encourage all Alaskan United Methodists to become more aware of its historic relationship to Alaska's Native peoples and their culture.

To encourage and assist the developments of ministry and church extension projects to, for, and with Alaska's Native peoples.

To assist in the implementation of the priority strategy of Native Ministry.

To solicit funds for Native Ministries through the Advanced Special giving channels of the church and especially through the Native American Awareness Sunday Offering (last Sunday in April or other appropriate Sunday).

To administer 50% of the portion of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering that remains in Alaska.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The CONAM Chair or designated representative shall be a member of the CCC. Fifty percent (50%) of the portion of the Native American Awareness Sunday offering that remains in Alaska shall be used for Native Ministries work.

R5.1013 . . . NEW MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE . . . The New Ministries Committee shall plan and coordinate new church development and church extension activities within the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the New Ministries Committee shall be at least the following with others as elected on nomination by the Committee on Nominations:

Four (4) lay persons

Four (4) clergy

AMC VIM Coordinator

Church and Community Workers Serving within the bounds of the AUMC

The New Ministries Committee shall elect its own leaders with the exception of the chairperson who is nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations and elected at annual conference..

MEETINGS... The New Ministries Committee shall meet at least twice (2 times) per year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES . . . At the direction of the Presiding Bishop and the AUMC, the New Ministries Committee shall:

Administer all church extension and congregational development funds of the AUMC, including planning and coordinating all church extension activities, soliciting funds for church extension through Advance Special giving, publicizing church extension activities, and assisting missionaries on itineration.

Assist in the implementation of the priority strategy of new church development.

To actively promote the development of new ministries within the AUMC.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The New Ministries Committee shall work at the direction of the Presiding Bishop. It shall be accountable to the AUMC for its efforts in implementing the strategy for New Church Development. The Chair or a designated representative of the Committee shall serve on the CCC.

R5.1014 . . . CONFERENCE OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the Conference Outdoor Ministries Committee is to enable and implement successful off-site and on-site camping and retreat ministries and to do so by providing general coordination in the form of guidance, training, funding, organization, and networking.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The committee will consist of at least eight (8) members with vote, four (4) laity and four (4) clergy, plus at least one representative each from the Birchwood Camp Committee, Southeast Camp Committee, and Hope Retreat Center. The representatives from the camps will serve with voice but not vote.

Each committee will select its representative and the Committee on Nominations will select the others seeking regional balance, to be elected at the annual conference.

The chairperson will be nominated by the Conference Committee on Nominations, elected at annual conference and be a voting member of the Conference Coordinating Council.

The committee will meet at least once a year.

R5.1015 . . . PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES UNIT (PMU)

PURPOSE . . . The Professional Ministries Unit oversees and reviews all matters pertaining to the professional ministry of the AUMC (ordained and diaconal).

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The membership of the Professional Ministries Unit should be:

Five (5) members nominated by the Presiding Bishop in consultation with the Chair of the Professional Ministries Unit:

- three (3) ordained clergy
- two (2) lay persons

Five (5) members nominated by the AUMC Committee on Nominations:

- three (3) ordained clergy
- two (2) lay persons

The Chair of PMU shall be nominated by the bishop and elected by PMU at its first session following the close of the annual conference following the regular session of General Conference.

It is suggested that consideration be given to having at least one (1) member be a clergy under special appointment (e.g., institutional chaplain, agency director, or staff person) and one (1) member be a deacon.

Lay persons shall be full participants in the work of the Professional Ministry Unit except in cases governed by provisions of the United Methodist Discipline (Disc., 2008, ¶¶33 & 635).

The AUMC representatives to the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy shall serve exofficio.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

To perform the functions of the Committee on Episcopacy as outlined in the United Methodist Discipline (*Disc.*, 2008, ¶637).

To perform the functions of the Committee on District Superintendency as prescribed in the United Methodist Book of Discipline. (*Disc.*, 2008 ¶668)

To administer the continuing education funds for ordained clergy and diaconal ministry.

To act as the Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry thus providing a means of accountability for local campus ministries (¶634), as the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (¶635) in a limited role, since the AUMC does not have members, other than affiliate members, who are ordained, and as the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (¶665) to care for responsibilities for candidates for licensed and ordained ministry (¶310-314) as well as for licensing of local pastors (¶315-320), who are clergy members of the AUMC when approved by the AUMC in executive session (¶315) and appointed and licensed by the bishop (¶316).

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . The Professional Ministry Unit shall be accountable to the Presiding Bishop and to the AUMC through its membership on the CCC.

R5.1016 . . . REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCILS (RPC)

PURPOSE . . . The purpose of the RPCs is to coordinate and enhance the effectiveness of programming in the churches of the four regions of the AUMC.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION . . . The recommended membership of each RPC is:

The Pastor and lay member to AUMC from each church in the region.

Other ordained clergy as defined in R2.000.

Local pastors from local churches.

Active diaconal minister.

Campus ministers within the region.

A United Methodist Woman representative.

Three (3) at-large members elected from the region at the first RPC meeting of the quadrennium, the recommended persons being a youth (age 13-18), a young adult (age 18-30), and an ethnic minority person.

The Presiding Bishop (Exofficio without vote)

The AUMC Superintendent (Exofficio without vote)

Council Director (Exofficio without vote)

The definition of each region is:

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Aldersgate-Juneau

Douglas

Ketchikan

Northern Light-Juneau

Sitka

3 Members at Large

NORTHERN REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Fairbanks-First

New Hope United Church-North Pole

Nome Community

Willow

United Campus Ministry-Fairbanks

Christ First of Wasilla and Palmer

Unalaska

3 Members at large

SOUTHCENTRAL REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Anchorage-Anchor Park

Anchorage-East

Anchorage-First

Anchorage-First Samoan

Anchorage-Jewel Lake

Anchorage-Korean
Anchorage-St. John
Anchorage-Turnagain
Chugiak
Girdwood
University Community Ministry-Anchorage
Alaska Children's Services
Birchwood Camp
3 Members at Large and Native Ministry

KENAI PENINSULA REGIONAL PROGRAM COUNCIL

Homer
Kenai
Moose Pass
Ninilchik
North Star
Seward
Soldotna
3 Members at Large

Each RPC shall elect its own officers to serve for a four- (4-) year term, and it is recommended that the chair be alternating clergy and laity from quadrennium to quadrennium. The election of officers should take place at the first meeting following the charge conferences which follow the regular meeting of the General Conference, and officers so elected shall serve until they are replaced by a subsequent election. The chair is the linking person for the region to the CCC and serves as a member of the CCC. If a vacancy occurs in the seat of any officer of an RPC during the quadrennium, then that RPC shall elect a member to fill out the unexpired term.

MEETINGS . . . It is recommended that each RPC meet a minimum of three (3) times a year.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Coordinate and implement Conference programming as determined by the CCC.
2. Explore ministries and programs that can be developed better at a regional level as opposed to a local church level.
3. Provide input to the CCC for the development of Conference-wide programs and priorities.
4. Where possible, provide the linkage of youth within the region.
5. Sharing models for ministry from local churches so that "what works" might be duplicated in other churches.
6. Explore "new ministries" within the region by working with the CCC and the New Ministries Committee.
7. Develop regional mission emphasis—such as VIM, local mission, Missionary support, etc.
8. Recommend to the CCC each year a missional priority for the AUMC for consideration at the annual conference.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND LINKAGE . . . Each RPC is linked by its chair to the CCC. Each RPC is responsible to the CF&A for its operating budget and expenditures. Each RPC will make a yearly report of its efforts to the annual conference of the AUMC.

R5.1017...BOARD OF LAITY

PURPOSE...The purpose of the AUMC Board of Laity shall be to provide ministries to the laity of the conference as defined in ¶631 of the *Book of Discipline*.

MEMBERSHIP/ORGANIZATION...The board will consist of the AUMC Lay Leader, the Presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men, the most recently elected lay delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, the AUMC Coordinator of Lay Speaking Ministries, and one lay representative elected by each of the four regional program councils, which representative may be a member of the electing program council. The

AUMC Lay Leader will chair the board, which will meet, either in person or electronically, at the call of the AUMC Lay Leader.

DIVISION 6 . . . PROCEDURES

R6.00 . . . SESSIONS: The hours of convening and adjourning the annual conference shall be fixed by the Annual Conference Planning Committee. A printed program shall be presented for adoption as the order of the annual conference at the time of the organizing meeting.

R6.04 . . . DEBATE: Debate shall be governed by the rules of the most recent General Conference, except no member addressing the conference shall be limited to a specific length of speaking time unless such time limit be established by majority vote of the AUMC. If a motion to limit speaking time does not specify to which portion of the meeting of the AUMC it applies, then the limitation will apply only until the recess or adjournment which follows the adoption of the motion. When the rules of General Conference do not govern any situation of debate, *Robert's Rules of Order* will apply.

R6.05 RESOLUTIONS, MOTIONS, AND PETITIONS

R6.0500 SUBMISSION: All resolutions, petitions, and motions (except procedural motions) introduced by a member of the AUMC, or by anyone authorized to submit such to the AUMC, shall be submitted in written form to the AUMC Secretary. Resolutions, petitions, and motions may be withdrawn by the mover at any time prior to amendment or adoption.

R6.0501 AUTHORIZATION TO PETITION: Any AUMC member, local congregation member, local congregation, organization or agency of the AUMC may present petitions to the AUMC for consideration by the AUMC at its annual conference.

R6.0502 DUE DATE: Petitions must be submitted to the AUMC office not less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference. Petitions submitted after the due date cannot be considered without the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

R6.0503 PROCEDURE: Petitions submitted by AUMC commissions, committees, units, councils, boards, and agencies will be considered on the floor of the AUMC without referral. Petitions submitted by all others may, at the discretion of the presiding officer, be submitted to one or more Legislative Committees to be made up of members of the AUMC as directed by the Secretary.

R6.0504 LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES: Petitions referred to a Legislative Committee by the presiding officer shall be considered by the committee, and the committee shall vote concurrence or non-concurrence. A vote to concur is a vote to present the petition to the entire AUMC for consideration and action. A vote of non-concurrence means the petition cannot be presented to a plenary session of the AUMC unless at least twenty five percent (25%) of the members present and voting approve its introduction.

R6.0505 FORM AND CONTENT: The AUMC Secretary, at the Secretary's discretion, shall prepare and distribute throughout the AUMC a suggested form that may be used for the submission of petitions to the AUMC. While a petitioner is not bound to submit petitions on the form provided, the petition should provide information as requested on the form. In addition to providing the petition in printed form, petitioners are strongly encouraged to submit petitions on electronic media as prescribed by the Secretary. If the printed form of the petition exceeds three pages, the petitioner shall bear responsibility for its reproduction and distribution.

R6.15 EPISCOPAL NOMINATIONS

R6.1500 SUBMISSION: Any United Methodist elder otherwise qualified according to the Book of Discipline for election to be a United Methodist bishop may be proposed for nomination to The Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC). For consideration on the floor of the AUMC the nomination must be submitted in writing, supported by the signatures of not fewer than three members of the AUMC.

R6.1501 DUE DATE: The due date for submission of nomination proposals shall be no less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference. Proposals for nomination submitted after the due date cannot be considered without the concurrence of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting.

R6.1502 DISTRIBUTION: Nomination proposals properly submitted and in timely fashion will be printed in the Pre-Annual Meeting Handbook of the AUMC.

R6.1503 FORMAT: The proposed nomination must contain all the following elements:

1. A recently taken photograph, measuring at least 2 inches by 2 inches, of the candidate.
2. A biography of the candidate, to include the candidate's current Annual Conference membership status and prior professional service.
3. A statement of the candidate's qualifications.
4. The combination of biography and statement of qualifications is not to exceed 500 words
5. Requirements 1 through 4 may be waived by the Secretary with the submission of a document supporting the nomination of the candidate that has been approved and submitted in another conference, annual or jurisdictional, of the Western Jurisdiction.

R6.1504 NOMINATION: Debate will be permitted at the discretion of the presiding officer under the AUMC rules for debate, and a vote will be taken by written ballot, which will be prepared and counted by the Secretary or by the Secretary's designated assistants. The vote count will be announced. Nomination of the candidate by the AUMC requires the concurrence of a majority of the members present and voting.

R6.17 CANDIDACY FOR GENERAL & JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE

R6.1700 SUBMISSION: Any person eligible for election to be an AUMC delegate to General or Jurisdictional Conference as provided in ¶¶34-36 of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* may declare her(him)self to be a candidate. For an election year as provided in ¶502.4 of the *Book of Discipline* any candidate may submit to the AUMC Secretary a Statement of Candidacy.

R6.1701 DUE DATE: The due date for submission of a Statement of Candidacy shall be no less than six (6) weeks prior to the convening of the annual conference at which elections are to be held.

R6.1702 DISTRIBUTION: A Statement of Candidacy properly submitted and received on or before the due date will be printed in the Pre Conference Handbook of the AUMC.

R6.1703 FORMAT: A Statement of Candidacy shall include a statement of the candidate's qualifications. The Statement of Candidacy shall not exceed 500 words.

R6.1704 ELECTION: The method of election shall be as determined by the presiding officer.

R6.18...GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATION: Delegates to the General Conference and the Western Jurisdictional Conference shall be elected and seated as provided in the *Book of Discipline*, and together the delegates so elected, along with alternates, shall be called The Alaska United Methodist Conference Delegation. The AUMC Delegation shall choose a chairperson from among the delegates to General Conference, giving due attention to the custom observed throughout The UMC of alternating from one quadrennium to the next between lay and clergy leadership. Unless otherwise provided in the rules of General Conference or of the Western Jurisdictional Conference the Delegation shall choose its representatives to any General Conference and Western Jurisdictional Conference bodies on which it is entitled to representation, giving due attention to the custom in the AUMC that the delegates to General Conference serve on the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy and the delegates to the Western Jurisdictional Conference serve on the Western Jurisdiction Committee on Nominations. The Delegation is encouraged to give priority attention to the provision in the rules of General Conference which permit a member of the Delegation to be present with voice on any Legislative Committee when a matter of concern to the constituents of the Delegation is being considered.

R.6.20 . . . OFFERINGS: The annual conference communion offering and offerings to defray annual conference expenses are automatically approved. Offerings of any other nature cannot be taken without the approval of the ACPC.

R6.21...GIFT RECEIPT POLICY

Gifts to the Alaska United Methodist Conference will be handled according to the following procedure:

Gifts of Property Other Than Cash

- Reviewed by the Board of Trustees for conformance to the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church and other policies of The UMC and of the Alaska Conference.
- Full appropriate attention will be given to the liquidity of the gift.
- Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities may, in general, be considered as essentially cash, since the Alaska Conference will not be required to hold any such gift for any extended period of time.
- If the gifts are found to conform to those principles and policies, they will be received by the Board.
- Stocks, bonds, and other readily negotiable securities received as gifts may be liquidated at the discretion of the Board.
- A recommendation for the use and/or disposition of other kinds of property received as gifts will be made by the Board to the Alaska Conference upon consultation with the Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CCF&A) and the Conference Coordinating Council (CCC).
- In situations where alternatives are limited and exigency demands, disposition and liquidation may occur under the provisions of ¶2515 of the 2008 *Book of Discipline*.
- When this type property has been liquidated (converted to cash), the money will be treated thereafter as a gift of cash.

Gifts of Cash

- The receipt of restricted cash gifts wherein the donor has designated the gift to be used for purposes other than established funds and campaigns within the Alaska Conference is subject to the approval of CCF&A.
- Undesignated gifts of cash to the Alaska Conference and designated gifts of cash to previously approved funds and campaigns will be received by the Treasurer acting under the direction of CCF&A.
- If the gift had been anticipated and included within the budget of the Alaska Conference, the funds will be handled as determined by action of the Conference.
- If the gift had not been included within a previous budget of the Conference, then the CCC will develop a process to create a plan for the disposition of the gift in the next budget to be proposed to the Conference.

Gifts to the Foundation

- Gifts to the Alaska United Methodist Conference Foundation will be handled according to the policies of the Foundation as approved by the Alaska Conference.

R6.25 . . . LITURGICAL MATERIALS: All liturgical materials prepared for use in worship at annual conference or other AUMC sponsored events shall be inclusive in their imagery, language, and participation.

R6.30 . . . REPORTS

R6.3000 . . . STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL REPORTS: Pastors shall submit the statistical report to the Conference Statistician and the financial report to the Conference Treasurer as requested by these officers.

R6.3001 . . . PRE-ANNUAL MEETING REPORT: Reports that are to be printed in the Pre Conference Handbook of the AUMC shall be submitted to the Conference office by April 15th preceding the annual conference.

R6.35 . . . FISCAL MATTERS

R6.3500 . . . FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year for the AUMC shall be the calendar year (January 1-December 31.)

R6.3501 . . . CLOSING: CF&A shall set the date yearly for the closing of the financial records of the AUMC, and all remittances must be received and are due by the established date in order for the church to receive credit for the fiscal year.

R6.3502 . . . JULY SALARY: The July salary shall be paid to the pastor by the local church to which the pastor is appointed at the annual conference.

R6.40 . . . APPORTIONMENTS: Apportionment requests upon the charge or pastor shall first be referred to the CF&A. No apportionments shall be made until the CF&A has made its report. If the report is negative, a two-third (2/3's) majority vote of the members of AUMC shall be required to reverse the recommendation of the CF&A.

R6.45 . . . BUDGETARY CHANGES: Changes in the budget as proposed by CF&A or as adopted by the AUMC may be proposed on the motion of any member of the AUMC. If the proposed change is greater than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), then the motion must be distributed in writing to the members of the AUMC in attendance at the session at which the motion is made at least eight (8) hours prior to any action on the motion. In addition any change proposed in an expense category which results in an increase or decrease in total expense must be accompanied by a commensurate change in expected income to maintain the balance of the budget.

R6.50 . . . RULES: . . . The AUMC shall be governed by the following bodies of law in descending order of priority: the *Book of Discipline* of The United Methodist Church; the Rules of the AUMC; and the Rules of the most recent General Conference of The UMC. *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern all questions of procedure when none of the foregoing applies.

R6.5000 . . . RULES CHANGES: . . . Rules changes may occur in any of the following ways:

By recommendation from any Conference Standing Committee, Council, Unit, or Regional council.

From the Presiding Bishop and/or AUMC Superintendent.

Over the signature of three (3) members of the AUMC.

By individual members of the AUMC who may submit proposals for rules changes to the Administrative Unit for consideration with the understanding that the Administrative Unit is not bound to report the proposed change to the floor for annual conference.

The rules of the AUMC may be amended or suspended on the first day of annual conference by a majority vote. At all other times amendments or suspension of the rules requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

R6.55 . . . JOURNAL

R6.5500 . . . OFFICIAL MINUTES: . . . The record of daily proceedings of the annual conference of the AUMC as signed by the Presiding Bishop and the Secretary of the AUMC shall be considered to be the official minutes of the annual conference.

R6.5501 . . . AUMC JOURNAL: . . . The daily proceedings together with such supporting documents as are deemed helpful and necessary shall be published yearly as the AUMC journal. The Conference Secretary, in consultation with the Conference Superintendent, shall determine what additional material shall be included in the Journal that is not covered by Disciplinary requirements.

R6.5502 . . . DEADLINE: . . . All material to be published in the Journal shall be submitted to the Secretary of the AUMC by midnight of the adjournment day unless other arrangements are made with the Secretary.



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XIII. QUALIFICATIONS AND GUIDELINES

A. Qualifications for Advance Special Salary Support/Covenant Relationships

Those missionaries who qualify for salary support through the Advance shall:

1. Serve local churches with less than 200 members.
2. Serve local churches with budgets less than \$150,000 raised locally excluding debt retirement. (For locations which qualify for COLA by Equitable Salary standards, the maximum shall be \$150,000 plus the COLA.)
3. Serve local churches which are able to maintain a parsonage or housing allowance.
4. Receive a salary not more than 10% above the minimum cash base salary (before COLA and years of experience are added) established by the Equitable Compensation Guidelines set at the Annual Meeting. (Exceptions to this shall be the first five years of a new ministry and Native Ministries and crisis situations).
5. Be recommended by the Equitable Compensation Committee for approval by the Administrative Unit and the Conference Superintendent.

B. Guidelines for Parsonage Standards

Property Ownership: If a parsonage is provided, it should be owned by the local charge or a Board of Trustees of the Alaska United Methodist Conference. Also, flexibility should be allowed so that a pastor and congregation can work out an arrangement whereby a housing allowance is provided in lieu of a parsonage.

The House: At least four bedrooms; a basement with exit where possible; house plan should be flexible to allow for differing size families; family room, at least two full bathrooms; adequate storage; large living room; adequate weather stripping and insulation; screens on windows that open; double garage, not necessarily heated; dining area suitable for family and entertaining; sit-down eating space in the kitchen; a wood stove would be a desirable feature. New parsonages should be handicap accessible.

Location: Preferable within walking distance of the church building, but not more than three miles away.

Furnishings: Household personal items should be provided by the parsonage family. Heavy furniture and major appliances in good working order should be provided by the church including: beds, tables, chairs, sofa, freezer, washer and dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher, disposal, chests and dressers, drapes, floor coverings, lawn mower where needed, fire

extinguisher, smoke alarms. Painting (in and out), carpet deep cleaning, should be scheduled on a four-year basis or change of pastor.

Appliances and Furnishings Allowance: Each parsonage family shall have available to them \$1000 each appointive year to be used at the discretion of pastor and parsonage committee for appliances and furnishings as listed above. In the first year of appointment, this amount shall be available at the time of arrival of the parsonage family where possible. The Trustees shall keep a record of the date of purchase and repair of all appliances, including the heating system, and of all painting and decorating, inside and out. The Superintendent shall ask for the Parsonage Report at the annual Charge Conference meeting.

Garage and Grounds: If possible, a garage shall be provided with adequate lights and electrical outlets and sufficient space for gardening and lawn equipment, bicycles, etc. This should be provided with easy to operate door. Any damage to the parsonage or grounds caused by any household pet shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the parsonage occupants. Excessive damage, beyond normal wear, to the parsonage caused by the parsonage family shall be repaired, replaced, or paid for by the pastor.

Maintenance Fund: A revolving fund of \$1000 shall be available for maintenance repairs and upkeep as authorized by the trustees. For most churches, this should be a trust account drawn on when needed, not necessarily budgeted in full every year.

Insurance: Replacement value of the parsonage should be the guide for insurance coverage. Insurance on the pastor's personal items should be provided by the pastor.

Parsonage Committee: The PPR Chair, the Trustee Chair, the Pastor and family shall meet at least once annually to review parsonage needs and existing conditions.

Utilities: Full cost of utilities are to be provided for each parsonage, when the pastor lives in the parsonage.

An Encouragement to All: We recognize that comfortable surroundings in the home contribute to the happiness, health, and effectiveness of the parsonage family and the pastor in their work for the whole church. We encourage that each parish will do its very best in providing such a home.

C. Guidelines for Dealing with the Abuse of Power and Authority of the Clergy Office in Areas Relating to Clergy Sexual Misconduct

(This document is not intended to supersede nor misconstrue the Discipline of the United Methodist Church or Alaska State Law, both of which do clearly supersede anything herein.)

The pastoral office is a position of great trust and responsibility and can be a position of significant authority and power over others. We would like to believe that no ordained clergy person would violate the trust and power of the office for sexual gratification. Yet the experience of the church is that it does happen. Persons in pastoral roles may violate the trust given them in many ways, but these guidelines deal specifically with the abuse of the power of the pastoral office by those who engage in sexual misconduct, and in particular in those cases where there are persons who are, or perceive themselves to be, victims of this misconduct.

It is recognized that clergy persons are also vulnerable human beings and can themselves be the victims in cases of sexual misconduct. In any case, the whole church must always be concerned for both the legal and spiritual care of the pastor. Still, history indicates that concern for those victimized by inappropriate clergy conduct has often been inadequate. The primary purpose of these guidelines is to provide justice and care for such persons.

For the purpose of this paper, clergy sexual misconduct shall be defined as "Unethical sexual activity, a form of sexual abuse by clergy persons." This includes sexual abuse of children and youth, affairs with counselees, infidelity, promiscuity (e.g. repeated sexual advances or actions), sexual harassment, and other inappropriate behavior. Such activity breaks

the sacred trust inherent in our ordination. These guidelines are for clergy appointed to the Alaska United Methodist Conference.

a. Theological Reflections

One of the on-going tasks of Christian community is to understand our life theologically. This is as true in matters of human sexuality, its potential for expressing love and commitment to God, the other person and oneself, and its potential for abuse, as anywhere else.

We affirm that:

1. God creates persons in the Divine image, male and female.
2. Women and men are equal in the eyes of God.
3. The human body is good, a special part of the divine creation. It is the temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells and a place where the Word is made flesh.
4. Human sexuality is an integral part of our humanity. While profoundly personal, it has social dimensions as well. Its physical, emotional, and spiritual expression in relation to others ought to be based on a loving commitment and accountability to God, the other person, and oneself.
5. God calls persons to wholeness through Jesus Christ and to participation in the Body of Christ, the community of faith whose central quality is redemptive love.
6. The whole church receives and accepts the call of God to embody and carry forth Christ's ministry in the world. Ordination originates in God's will and purpose for the church. There are persons within the church community whose gifts, graces, and promise of future usefulness are observable to the community, who respond to God's call and offer themselves in leadership as ordained ministers.(Par. 402, 1988 Discipline) In this role, persons are entrusted with responsibility to care for those they serve and not to misuse this role to the detriment of any.
7. Violation of the pastoral office by inappropriate sexual conduct is a sin against God, the victim(s), oneself and the redemptive community.

This violation:

- causes potentially serious psychological, spiritual, and emotional harm to the victim(s);
 - reveals the brokenness of the perpetrator;
 - betrays Christ and the pastoral office in that it abuses the power and authority of ministry by changing it from healing and redemption to exploitation and gratification, and tarnishes the symbol of Christ as healer and Savior; and
 - rends the local parish as the whole body of Christ in ways which require special efforts for healing the deep wounds.
8. Because of God's grace and forgiveness, healing can occur for the victim(s), the offender, and the community.

These affirmations which have grown out of our life together within the covenant community are also reflected in the following statements from the 1992 Discipline (Par. 431).

It is to be expected that ordained persons shall:

- Nurture and cultivate spiritual disciplines and patterns of holiness...
- Be committed to and engage in leading the ministry of the whole church in loving service to humankind...
- For the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel, and in consideration of his/her influence as a minister, be willing to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of Christian life; and to this end, agree to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, fidelity in marriage and celibacy in singleness social responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God.
- Be persons in whom the community can place trust and confidence...

- Be accountable to the United Methodist Church, accept its Discipline and authority, abide by the demands of the special relationship of its ordained ministers, and be faithful to their vows as ordained ministers of the church of God.

Any breach of professional ethics is a misuse of the trust which traditionally has been given to the office. Furthermore, sexual misconduct involving the misuse of the authority of the clerical office, often leaves the victim with the burden of guilt, anger, betrayal, and rejection. Often the victim bears the burden of proof before appropriate action can be taken. Any such sexual misconduct in the context of the clergy/lay relationship shall be seen as an offense by the clergy person who then bears the responsibility for victim restitution and faces disciplinary action. This is particularly significant in clergy/lay relationships because of the power dynamics involved.

Clergy persons involved in any form of sexual misconduct have breached their ordination vows. Christian, professional, and legal standards inform clergy behavior. For instance, professional standards of counseling prohibit any sexual contact with counselees. When a clergy person uses the influence of his/her role and engages in sexual misconduct, it is an irresponsible and unethical act which takes advantage of the vulnerability of another. Clergy have a responsibility not to take advantage of persons in this way and not to engage in sexual activity with them.

These guidelines refer to clergy sexual misconduct. In the event the alleged offender is the Superintendent, then "the Bishop" shall be substituted for "the Superintendent" in all such cases.

b. Procedures for Misconduct with Children and Youth

1. Sexual activity with children and youth is a chargeable offense under Para. 2623, Discipline. In the event an allegation of such activity is made against any person in an office listed in Para. 2623(1), Discipline, the person to whom the allegation is made shall immediately report the allegation to the appropriate public or police agency as required by law. Charges may be brought and an investigation and other appropriate action shall proceed according to Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline, without regard to any criminal charges that may be initiated by civil authorities.

2. Sexual activity with children and youth is a crime under state law. In the event a clergy person is arrested, charged by information, or indicted for a crime involving any sexual offense, that person shall also be charged under Para. 2623, Discipline, and appropriate action taken under Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline. If the criminal charges are dismissed or the person is found to be not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt of the criminal charge, the Superintendent shall continue the proceedings under Paragraphs 2622-2627, Discipline, and make a determination whether a preponderance of the evidence shows that, even though the person may not have been legally culpable, the level of impropriety is sufficient to constitute a chargeable offense under Par. 2623. If the person is found guilty of the criminal offense, then the Superintendent shall initiate the process of expulsion from the pastoral ministry.

c. Procedures for Misconduct with Adults

When sexual misconduct is alleged, it shall be brought to the attention of those in authority, and the following procedures shall be followed: (¶362 of the Discipline describes the grievance procedures.)

1. Allegations of sexual misconduct shall be made to the Superintendent in the form of a complaint. A complaint may be brought only by the person claiming to have been personally offended by the conduct, or by a person with first-hand knowledge of the conduct. Although a complaint may be brought verbally, the Superintendent may not respond to the complaint unless the complainant signs a document which clearly states the allegations which describe the offensive conduct. The Superintendent or any other person may assist the complainant in the

preparation of the written complaint. If the complainant is unwilling to put the complaint in writing, the Superintendent shall inform the complainant that the verbal allegations will not be investigated and the grievances will not be redressed.

2. The complainant shall be encouraged to bring a support person to any meeting or hearing at any point in the process. Any meeting between the complainant and the alleged offender shall take place in a neutral location.

3. The Conference Superintendent shall promptly:

a). Meet again with the complainant in the presence of an ordained elder who is a member of the Professional Ministries Unit and/or the Bishop. At this meeting the complainant should be assured that the allegations are being taken very seriously by the Conference. The complainant shall be asked to verify the complaint with the words, "I declare under penalty of perjury that the allegations contained in this complaint are true."

b). Determine if there is probable cause to proceed with the investigation of the complaint. If the complainant refuses to put the allegations in writing or to sign or verify the complaint, the Superintendent may not respond to the complaint.

c). With the complainant's knowledge, meet in person with the respondent, i.e., the person to whom this procedure is being applied, provide the respondent with a copy of the complaint, and informally discuss the allegations with the respondent.

d). Meet formally with both parties (i.e., the complainant and the respondent), the Bishop of the Alaska United Methodist Conference, and clergy member of the Professional Ministries Unit. Not less than 20 days prior to the date of this formal conference both parties shall be informed that they may have one person at the conference with them who has the right of advocacy, and that the conference will be recorded.

e). After the formal conference the Bishop, Superintendent, and clergy member of the Professional Ministries Unit shall confer, make a determination as to the truth of the allegations, and issue written findings as to their determination.

(1) If they find that the allegations are insubstantial (i.e., where the harm alleged is of little or no substance) or false, the respondent may choose to have the entire record of the proceeding expunged from his/her personnel record, or the respondent may choose an appropriate statement of the exoneration included in the record.

(2) If they find that there is probable cause to bring charges and convene a Committee on Investigation under ¶2703 (1), (3), or (4), notice of the finding shall be provided to the chair of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) of the local church served by the respondent or other appropriate supervisor, the Bishop of the Respondent's home Annual Conference, and the Mission Personnel Resources Program Department of the General Board of Global Ministries.

4. In the AUMC, responsibility shall be assumed by the following:

a.) Colleagues in the ministry:

(1.) Clergy colleagues hold a special covenant of mutual responsibility. When a pastor has knowledge of a colleague's sexual misconduct, the appropriate steps of intervention should be taken. This shall mean reporting alleged sexual misconduct to the Conference Superintendent. (Or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop.)

(2.) Where a colleague has been involved in sexual misconduct, and the case is being or has been resolved, the other members in the covenant must search for ways to and actively practice the reconciliation.

(3.) Cases of sexual misconduct will be kept in strictest confidentiality within the specifically designated group and persons charged with the responsibility for bringing justice and reconciliation. All clergy should actively prevent and discourage gossip, especially among clergy peers.

(4.) In cases where the situation has proceeded to Step 3.e.2 above, depending upon the seriousness of the complaint, the Bishop and Superintendent may choose to remove the accused clergy person from his/her ministerial duties. When a clergy person is removed from

his/her ministerial duties due to sexual misconduct, a report shall be made by the Bishop or Conference Superintendent at the next clergy session to inform the clergy of the actions taken. In such cases, as colleagues in ministry, other clergy will covenant to honor this decision and refrain from inviting that person to perform ministerial duties in our churches and institutions.

(5.) The accused clergy person will have assigned to him/her a trained support person to be in ministry with them, and will receive regular informational contact with the Conference Superintendent.

b.) The Local Church or other Hiring Bodies:

(1.) Local Pastor Parish Committees will be informed of the policies dealing with clergy sexual misconduct.

(2.) Matters of clergy sexual misconduct must be dealt with in strictest confidentiality in local churches.

(3.) The PPRC with the Conference Superintendent (or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop) shall assist in the reconciliation process of the persons affected and help the victim(s) find healing within the context of church community.

(4.) The Conference Superintendent (or in cases of alleged sexual misconduct against the Conference Superintendent, the Bishop) shall help the PPRC define its role in responding to a spouse.

(5.) The PPRC may secure one of the lay observers from the PMU or another lay person to help find resources within the church and larger community for a spouse of the offending clergy person.

(6.) In cases where clergy sexual misconduct has been substantiated and persons remain active clergy in the AUMC, full information of sexual misconduct and subsequent actions taken shall be kept in the clergy person's permanent record in the Conference Office. Such information shall be shared with present and future Pastor-Parish Relation Committees, and when clergy return to their home annual conferences, documentation of clergy sexual misconduct will be included in the files sent to the home conference. This material may be sent to the PPRCs of previous appointments at the discretion of the Bishop and the Superintendent.

(7.) Where sexual misconduct has become a public issue, the Conference Superintendent and the Professional Ministries Unit need to join with the PPRC to provide emotional, liturgical and institutional means of healing.

d. Concluding Statement

The procedures outlined in this position paper are limited to addressing inappropriate sexual conduct of those clergy persons whose actions have been reported. The best solution to the problems caused by clergy sexual misconduct is the self-discipline of each clergy person. Such self-discipline takes the Christian standards and ordination vows seriously.

Personal integrity and mature and professionally responsible conduct must be brought to all relationships by every clergy person in the Conference. When relational and sexual difficulties are present in a pastor's personal and/or professional life, counseling is appropriate and should be sought.

By the very nature of the disciplinary procedures outlined in this paper, the concept of a single "victim" is too limiting. When sexual misconduct occurs, there are many victims. The spouse and families of the persons who are involved in illicit sexual liaisons are victims. Congregations who must live with the interpersonal and the community impact of inappropriate sexual behavior are victims. The offender/victimizer is in one sense a "victim" of his or her own deeply troubled personality. Pastors who are not responsible for the misconduct find themselves living with the consequences arising from the misconduct of a brother or sister. When friends in the ministry are caught in the web of sexual misconduct, there is a tension between caring for a personal friend involved in questionable sexual liaisons and caring for the

health and authenticity of the ordained ministry. It is possible to protect a friend, and thereby to perpetuate a relationship or pattern of behavior which is destructive to many others. Ultimately, the credibility and practice of the Christian faith have been compromised.

Not all of the victim(s) are included in the disciplinary and restorative procedure of the ordained ministry. Yet all are hurt when sexual misconduct has occurred. Those who take the connectional covenant seriously and who value the vows of ordination will assume responsibility for the whole church in the way they live with their sexuality. This paper intends to provide clear guidelines which will strengthen the covenant and ministry we share together.

D. Safe Sanctuary Policy and Procedures For Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults

In so far as the Alaska United Methodist Conference (AUMC) provides ministries to children, youth, and vulnerable adults, it is the policy of this conference to put in place procedures that will protect their safety and well being.

We believe the promise we make at baptism is one that we take seriously. When a child or adult is baptized we agree to do whatever we can to provide a community that will love them and help them to grow to be faithful disciples. Moreover, because we are baptized, we include all children, youth and vulnerable adults whether baptized or not.

Each local church and conference entity in the AUMC which works with children, youth and vulnerable adults shall prepare and send to the conference their policy and procedures for protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. These policies shall be reviewed yearly and updates included in the charge conference reports for local churches. Each local church will need to adapt its policy to fit its church building, size and programs. Conference staff is available to resource local churches in writing policies and training.

Procedures

Safe Sanctuary

The term "Safe Sanctuary" refers to a program to protect children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse, authored and published by Joy Melton and used by many United Methodist Churches. It includes simple, common-sense protective rules described below. This is also meant to protect staff and volunteers from unfounded accusations. Procedures for "Safe Sanctuary" should address at least the following topics.

Screening

Any adult who works with children, youth or vulnerable adults either as a volunteer or paid staff person shall be screened. The screening shall include a background check. This background check shall be a national search. It is recommended that someone be designated as the holder of information developed from these screenings. These shall be kept locked up so only the authorized person(s) shall have access.

Background screening shall be redone every other year to assure continued safety of all. The screening can be done through any of a number of resources. The conference office or website can be consulted for recommended services.

Screening shall also include having paid staff and volunteers fill out an application (samples can be found in the resource cited later in this document) to verify identity, address, employment history, experiences, prior church membership, personal references, permission to do the background screening and their signature affirming that the information provided is true.

Some churches introduce the Safe Sanctuary program as a part of new attendee/member classes. This allows the church to make all new persons aware that the church cares about protecting children, youth and vulnerable adults. It also gives the new participants the opportunity to be screened in the beginning if they think they might like to work with vulnerable persons.

Screening for driving records must be done on volunteers or staff who will be transporting children, youth or vulnerable adults. The screener will want to be concerned about the recent years of driving record. If as a young person an applicant had some trouble but is now long past those times, then he or she may be considered to be a safe driver.

See sample forms for gathering permission to do background screening on paid staff and volunteers in the book listed under Resources.

Review of Background Screening

A responsible party shall be designated as the person(s) who reviews background screenings. This person(s) should be someone who can be depended on to keep the information confidential and who can determine what information on a background screening is relevant and what information is not because it is too old or not applicable to the situation.

Computers and the internet make it very easy and quick to do national background screening of all kinds. Permission to do the screening should be kept in locked files. After the screening is done the person in charge of making the background check may shred or black out sensitive information such as social security number, drivers license number, etc. The permission form should be kept on file until a new permission form has been signed for the next screening. The old form can then be destroyed.

Training

The conference shall provide training to all persons working with children, youth or vulnerable adults as requested. The training shall include but not be limited to: recognizing signs of abuse; avoiding situations when abuse might take place or conduct which might be perceived as abuse; reporting requirements of the state of Alaska and the Alaska United Methodist Conference related to abuse and media response procedures.

Group of Three Rule

A child, youth or vulnerable adult shall not be alone with another unrelated adult or child or youth or vulnerable adult. Ideally, everything should be done in groups of at least three: at least two adults and child, youth or vulnerable adult; or two children, youth or vulnerable adults and an adult. The ideal to strive for is two unrelated adults to be with those being protected at all times.

Counseling situations should be handled in such a manner that there is provision for private conversation but, if possible the participating persons should be in visual contact with others. Means of accomplishing this include having an open door, or window into the area of counseling, sitting outside in an area visible to others, or conducting the counseling in an area of a room away from others but still visible. If an adult is going to enter a counseling situation with a vulnerable person he or she should inform another adult.

Restrooms. The ideal situation is to have two adults accompany a child, youth or vulnerable adult to the restroom. If this is not possible another child, youth or vulnerable adult may accompany the supervising individual. The adult may also stand outside the restroom so he or she is not alone behind closed doors with the vulnerable person.

Riding In A Car. When transporting vulnerable participants, adults should make every effort not to be alone in the car with a child, youth or vulnerable adult. When dropping off or picking up vulnerable participants the route should be planned so two are dropped off last or picked up first if another responsible adult is not available. Caravanning is another alternative when two cars are needed to transport but there are not enough adults for two adults per vehicle.

After Events. If an adult finds himself or herself in a situation where he or she is alone after an event with a child, youth or vulnerable adult, he or she should wait outdoors with the protected party until the protected party is picked up.

Showers. Adults and vulnerable participants at an overnight event should not shower together.

Age Differences

The Safe Sanctuary materials recommend a minimum five-year age difference between the oldest participant and the youngest leader at any event. The Alaska UM Conference also recommends this standard when the participants who are not leaders are children and youth. This protects the worker and the children and youth.

Under Eighteen Years of Age

Anyone under the age of 18 shall not be left in sole charge of children, youth or vulnerable adults. When a supervising adult over the age of 18 is present the under 18 worker and those vulnerable are protected.

Windows in All Classrooms

The ideal for classrooms is for each classroom to have a window, which may be in the door to the classroom. When this is not possible doors to classrooms shall be left open and someone shall be designated to walk by randomly to check on each classroom.

Cyber Safety

The world of computers, internet, and social networking is changing at a rapid pace. Churches and conference entities shall keep themselves up to date on what is happening and what is being recommended as best practices for safety of all involved. Children, youth and vulnerable adults shall be educated about internet safety. Permission shall be received in advance if pictures of children, youth or vulnerable adults are going to be used on the internet or in any media. When emailing be sure to "bcc" so that a recipient does not have access to each addressee's email. When computers are available some kind of a parental control management feature shall be used.

Convicted Abusers Attending Church

The internet makes available to the public names and locations of registered sex offenders. If someone in your church is a registered sex offender people in your church will be likely to find out because many parents are advised to check out the website to see if there are registered sex offenders in their neighborhoods.

Churches and conference entities are advised to check their church membership out on these websites and to be proactive if there is someone in your congregation who is a registered sex offender. We want to welcome both those who have been abused as well as those who have been abusers.

However, it is extremely important for the registered sex offender to be monitored while he or she is in your church building or facility where you have programming for children, youth and vulnerable adults. A team from the church (possibly pastor, trustee chair, SPRC chair...) should meet with the registered sex offender and develop a plan that will allow the offender to attend church for worship and other activities but that would restrict the offender from being anywhere in the building where he or she might be alone with children, youth or vulnerable adults.

Churches and conference entities should assign someone to monitor the offender's movements while he or she is in the church building or other facility. This may be in the form of a written agreement with the offender. For more information on how to handle this situation call the Director of Connectional Ministry or the Conference Superintendent.

See The Book of Resolutions of the United Methodist Church 2008, as Resolution 8009.

Educating the Congregation

The Alaska Conference shall regularly offer training to local churches and individuals. It is recommended that local churches develop a plan to educate their congregation, including children, youth and vulnerable adults on Safe Sanctuary. It is also

recommended that the church find a way to celebrate when their policy is written, approved and filed with the conference office.

Reporting of Incidents

A plan for responding to allegations of abuse shall be established. The book, Safe Sanctuary has a chapter devoted to this. Those working with children, youth and vulnerable adults shall be aware of the state laws for reporting abuse. They shall also put together a plan to respond to the spiritual needs of those involved. Faithful response to the victim will include taking the allegation seriously and respecting the victim's privacy.

It is recommended that conference authorities (superintendent or the presiding bishop) be notified as soon as allegations of abuse are received.

The conference has a plan in the journal for responding to clergy abuse which should be followed if the pastor is the accused abuser (AUMC 2009 Journal, p113, Paragraph C. Guidelines for Dealing with the Abuse of Power and Authority of the Clergy Office in Areas Relating to Clergy Sexual Misconduct).

Media Communications

A plan for responding to the media shall be put in place. This plan should include who will be designated to speak to the media. The conference staff that has had crisis communication training can be consulted for advice on a plan as well as at the time of a crisis.

Resources

Recommended resources for writing, reviewing and implementing policy and procedures for Safe Sanctuary include:

Safe Sanctuary: Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth written by Joy Thornburg Melton, Copyright 2008 Disciples Resources. *This book includes many other resources for information and training – including a list of videos.*

Safe Sanctuary DVD

Book of Discipline 2008

Paragraph 226 Care of Children and Youth (Baptism of children and youth).

Paragraph 226.4 (Duty of pastor, parents, officers, teachers and congregations to children of the church).

Book of Resolutions 2008

Paragraph 161: Resolution 2044, p. 135 Sexual Misconduct within Ministerial Relationships

Paragraph 162: Resolution 3021, p 192 Abuse of Older Adults

Paragraph 162: Resolution 3084, pp. 245-247 Reducing the Risk of Child Sexual Abuse

Resolution 8009, pp. 919-921 Church Participation by a Registered Child Sex Offender.

Policy and Procedure Review

This policy shall be reviewed yearly and any changes brought to the AUMC Annual Conference for approval.

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